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## EVIDENCE CONCLUDES IN HK HOTEL CASE

Evidence in the case against the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Mr. E. C. Barry and Mr. T. H. Ehrlich, in respect of alleged false returns submitted to the Quartering Authority, was concluded before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon, KC, counsel for the defence, objected to cross examination by the prosecution. It was ruled by the magistrate to be fair. Mr. Sheldon commented, "Convict these gentlemen if you will. We will all go home and go to the Supreme Court afterwards."

Mr. P. A. Hooton, assisted by Inspector Moore prosecuted, and the defence was conducted by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, KC, instructed by Mr. R. A. Wade.

Mr. Ehrlich, in answer to questions by Mr. Hooton, said that when he interviewed Mr. Barry he mentioned that he would charge ordinary guests the usual rates, but higher rates for transient guests.

As to the rates of \$18 and \$24, he said these were charged by order of Mr. Barry.

Asked why a sum of \$40 was charged for room 210 when the usual rate was \$24, witness replied that for transient guests he would charge an additional 20 to 30 per cent.

Even by adding 50 per cent to \$24, the amount would only be \$36. Mr. Hooton said and asked witness to explain how the sum of \$40 was made up.

### Special Services

Witness replied that surcharges such as washing of linen and other special services would be included in the rate charged.

He agreed with the prosecution that on September 4 when Mr. Lewis came for certain information, he would have supplied it had not Mr. Barry intervened.

Mr. Barry said he was Managing Director of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels, Limited and had held that post since 1946. Witness said he was not aware of Dr. and Mrs. Davis being residents of room 509 of the hotel until after the summons had been issued.

He said that if the hotel depended solely on room rents, it would not be worth while running. The business of the hotel depended mainly on the bar and the restaurant.

On September 1, he received a telephone message from Mr. Ehrlich, enquiring whether or not to give certain information to the Quartering Authority and his answer was "certainly."

### Most Annoyed

That evening he was shown a copy of a document by Mr. Ehrlich, the original of which Mr. Ehrlich signed and handed to Mr. Barry. He was most annoyed and left instructions that when further requests came for information, it must not be supplied unless on the production of a written order from the Quartering Authority.

On September 4 a messenger informed him that Quartering Authority Officials and the police were in the manager's office and demanded certain information.

Going to Mr. Ehrlich's office, he saw a document being prepared between Mr. Ehrlich and his secretary, and he took away the document and said he would be responsible for it.

## Claim Against Merchant

A claim for \$657 against F. A. Ewins, merchant was heard before Mr. Justice Wicks, Acting Additional Judge, at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The plaintiff, David Cheung, trading under the name of Star Hotel, 23-25 Nathan Road, was represented by Mr. P. T. Griffiths. Defendant was not legally represented and attended in person.

The claim was for accommodation at the Star Hotel which had been given to the wife of defendant and for which he had not wholly paid up.

Defendant admitted the allegation, but said he wished to make an application for instalments to be paid by him.

Plaintiff's counsel held that defendant was able to afford paying up without instalments.

Hearing was then committed to chambers.

Three Hong Kong residents have been granted the privilege of British Naturalisation. They are Max Dietrich, retired merchant; Myron Alexander Dietrich, chief of Dietrich and Vindich; and Aleksievich Boutsikov, seaman.

Cross examined by Mr. Hooton, witness said he knew the return was called for by the Quartering Authority and in regard to a letter from Mr. Barry, he could not understand the "last paragraph."

He added that he did not instruct Mr. Ehrlich to enquire from Mr. Barry to define the guests.

Asked as managing director, did he think that the return submitted on June 14 was correct, witness replied in the affirmative. Witness said more than 50 per cent was for special services, instead of having the services billed separately.

Answering a question, witness said that the issuing of the summons was regarded as harassing to his staff.

### Fair Questions

Mr. Sheldon objected to the questions put to witness by the prosecution, but Mr. Lo replied that the questions were fair ones.

Mr. Sheldon said "Convict these gentlemen if you will. We will all go home and go to the Supreme Court afterwards."

Mr. Hooton referred witness to certain agreements between the Government and the hotel in that they were to give available accommodation to the government.

Witness replied that he did not stipulate government servants and mentioned Mr. Sheldon's remarks that the hotel does not bind itself to accept government servants.

Before the case was adjourned Mr. Sheldon requested the magistrate to record that at the time of the closure of the evidence the Crown had made no attempt to suggest or to point out the exact fraud which was alleged.

Mr. Hooton replied that he had brought the essential ingredients charged.

Hearing was then adjourned to 2.30 p.m. on December 23.

## Allegation Against Local Solicitor

Allegations that he was forced by Mr. Peter Sin, Solicitor, to come to an agreement whereby Mr. Sin should retain a sum of MY130,000, were made by the defendant in an action before Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice), at the Supreme Court yesterday.

Judgment was reserved in the action, which was for damages, assessed at \$25,000, for breach of warranty of authority.

The plaintiff, Mrs. Lee Yu-lee, was represented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, KC, instructed by Mr. C. S. Ford of Messrs. Ford, Kwan & Company, Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. A. C. A. Full, represented the defendant, "Yau Siu-yat alias Yau Po-cheuk."

According to the statement of claim, it was alleged that in July 1948 the defendant represented himself to be agent for one Choy Chuen-lam under a power of attorney alleged to have been made by Choy on May 18, 1945.

It was further alleged that the defendant, by virtue of this power of attorney, claimed that he was authorised to sell 335 Reclamation Street, Kowloon, as the property of Choy.

On October 4, 1947, Choy, through his solicitors, Messrs. Alfred Hon and Company, represented the power of attorney and authority of defendant to sell the property.

The defence claimed that the deposit of MY20,000 and balance of the purchase price MY230,000 were not paid to defendant, but to Mr. Peter Sin, then in practice in Hong Kong as a legal practitioner.

### Most Dissatisfied

Cross-examined by Mr. Sheldon yesterday, Yau, the defendant, said that he made no protest against Mr. Sin in this matter. He raised no objection when the money was paid to Mr. Sin, but since it had not been handed over to him, he was most dissatisfied with Mr. Sin.

Yau said that it was the suggestion of the plaintiff that the money should be paid over to Mr. Sin. This was done without his Yau's consent.

Yau declared that when he asked that the deposit be returned to the purchaser, the purchaser, Mr. Sin, made a suggestion that it

### Roads Closed

The following roads will be closed to Vehicular Traffic from 8 a.m. on Monday until road repairs are completed: Eastern Street between Des Voeux Road, West and Queen's Road, West; Morrison Street between Des Voeux Road, Central and Wing Lok Street.

## You Must Register For Jury

Regardless of registration previous to December 1 every-one eligible for jury service must register again, giving full Christian and surnames, it was officially stated yesterday.

Women, whether employed or not, are eligible provided they have the necessary language qualification.

Previous registration does not exempt persons from sending in their particulars again as it is aimed to make the new list of Special and Common Jurors as comprehensive as possible.

Information as to whether a woman is married or single should be given.

Managers of firms are reminded that if they are eligible for jury service, their names and full particulars must also be submitted.

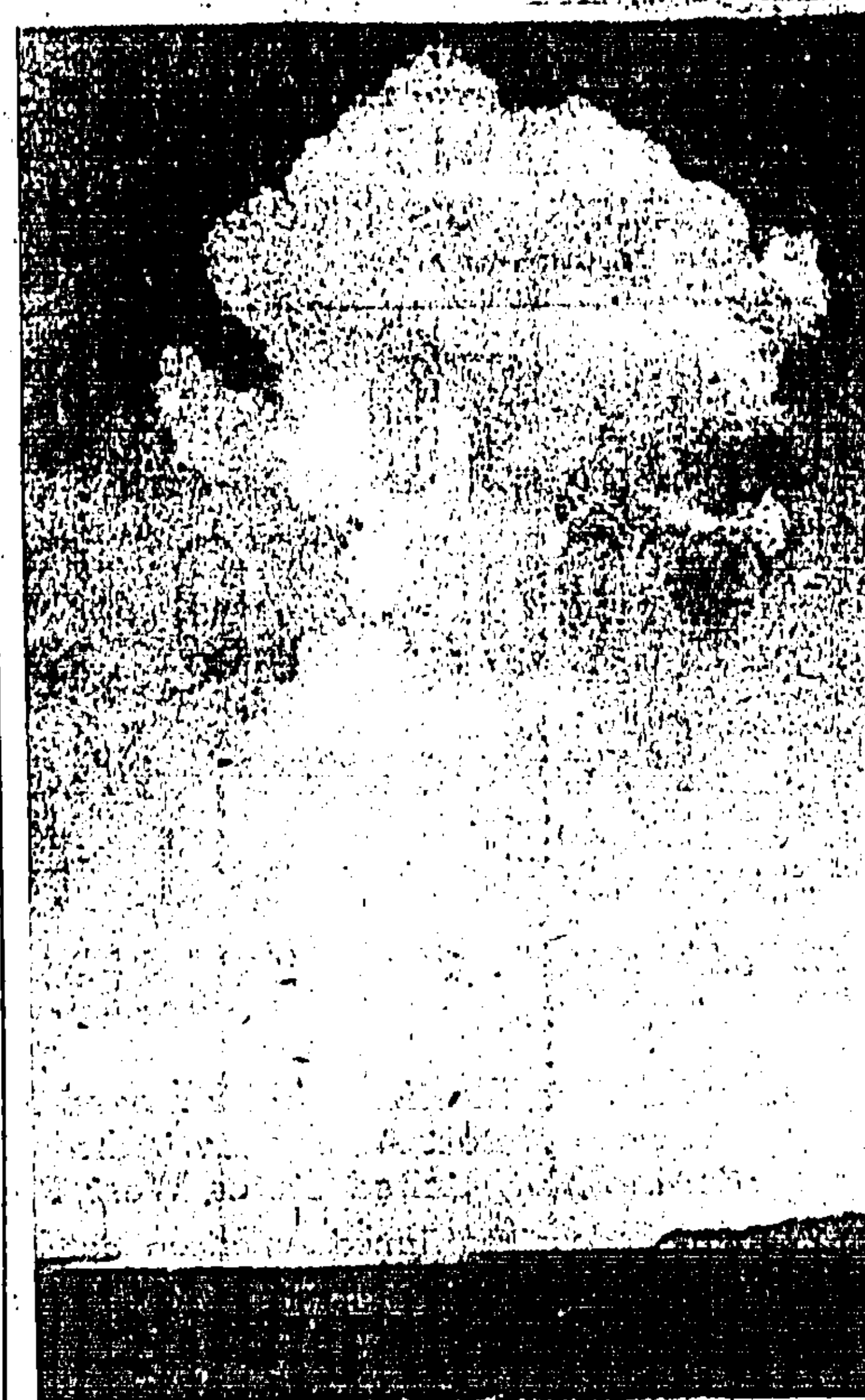
All returns should be sent to the Registrar's Confidential Secretary, Miss G. Ezra, Supreme Court by December 15.

### FOOD PARCELS FUND

The following is a list of the donations received up to December 8 for the Food Parcels Fund which have not yet been acknowledged in the press:

London Committee	HK\$ 600.00
Messrs. R. F. Farrell & Co.	000.00
Import Co.	000.00
Received up to November 18, 1948 and already acknowledged	63,880.25
Total	HK\$664,480.25

Donations may be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Messrs. Post, Maxwell, Mitchell & Co., Exchange Building.



Looking something like an atomic bomb explosion, a stock of dangerous chemicals was destroyed off Hong Kong yesterday. ("China Mail" Photo).

## DANGEROUS CHEMICALS DESTROYED AT SEA

Seventy-eight drums of dangerous chemicals, consisting of caustic soda and metallic sodium, were destroyed by Captain Darnell of the RAOC Ammunition Section yesterday.

A fortnight ago, 100 drums were similarly destroyed. Yesterday's operation started early in the morning when the chemicals were loaded on to an old junk, specially bought for the purpose, at the Dangerous Goods Anchorage.

Loading was completed at about 11 a.m. and a small tug took the junk in tow to the West Lamma Channel, accompanied by Police Launch 21.

Before the junk was towed out, explosive charges were laid. Six charges, each connected to a central point, were laid on the drums of chemicals and on the bottom of the junk.

### Vivid Flash

When the West Lamma Channel was reached, the towing tug blew up alongside the junk and a safety fuse was lit. The junk and its load blew up at 1.37 p.m.

"There was a vivid flash," followed by a pillar of brown smoke," said Captain Darnell, who viewed the explosion from the tug at a distance of 250 yards.

"For approximately 20 minutes after the explosion the sea was a mass of boiling water and flames. This was due to reaction between the chemicals and water, causing gases to be formed, which ignited on contact with the air and burned on the surface of the water."

The ship is particularly well known in Shanghai, as she was one of the first contingent of warships to go there after the Japanese surrender, when 4,000 British internees were released from detention camps there.

She will be the flagship of the Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Station, Rear-Admiral A. C. G. Madden.

## Cruisers' Companies Exchange

HMS Belfast and HMS Sussex will exchange ships' companies on Tuesday. It was officially stated yesterday.

Belfast, under the command of Captain E. K. Le Mesurier, is due to leave for United Kingdom on Monday, and Sussex will arrive here on Tuesday from Shanghai.

Most of the officers and ratings now serving in Sussex will remain on the Stator. In Belfast until their period of foreign service is completed.

Sussex will sail in the first week of January for Singapore, where, after a short period in dock, she will sail to the United Kingdom, arriving there in the middle of February.

Belfast is a heavy cruiser of the improved Southampton Class, mounting 12 six-inch guns in four triple turrets and having a speed of more than 30 knots. Completed a month before the war broke out, Belfast is one of the most modern ships in the Royal Navy.

During the latter part of the war, Belfast saw service with the Home Fleet in Northern waters and in June 1945, left home waters to join the British Pacific Fleet.

During 1946 and the first half of 1947, Belfast was the flagship of the Commander-in-Chief, British Pacific Fleet, Admiral Sir Denis Boyd. She left the British Pacific Fleet in September, 1947, after having visited many of the ports on the station.

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## Reminders

### Today

Fete and Fair, in aid of Services welfare, Flagstaff House, 2.30 p.m.

Xmas Fair, European YMCA, West Lounge, 2.30 p.m.

Sale of Work in aid of charities, St. Stephen's Girls' College, 11 a.m.

Annual Lawn Bowls Match, H.K. Second Division vs. Kowloon, at KBCC, 2.15 p.m.

### Coming Events

#### TOMORROW

Toe H Club, Classical Concert of Recorded Music, Tabbot House, 50, MacDonnell Road, 8.45 p.m.

Inter-School annual sports, final events, Carroll Hill, H.K. Art Club, sketching class, New Territories, members assemble at Kowloon Star Ferry, 10.30 a.m.

TUESDAY

H.K. Social Welfare Council, annual general meeting, PRO Lecture Room, 5.15 p.m.

Eastern Asia Navigation Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, King's Bldg., 11 a.m.

Kowloon Junior School, prize giving, at King George V School, 5.30 p.m.

H.K. Football Association Council, meeting, Prince's Bldg., 5.15 p.m.

H.K. Rotary Club, luncheon talk on "The Police Service" by Police Commissioner, R. W. MacIntosh, Boat Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

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5. Vacancies also exist on the temporary staff for candidates with lower shorthand and typing qualifications. Lower rates of salaries apply to these posts.

6. Candidates are requested to call on the Chief Clerk, Colonial Secretariat, Lower Albert Road, with copies of testimonials.

Dated: December 9, 1948.

## NOTICE

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Applications for renewal of these licences should be addressed to The Secretary, Police Headquarters, New Oriental Building, 2nd floor, immediately.

D. W. MacINTOSH, Commissioner of Police.

December 8, 1948.

HONG KONG SOCIAL WELFARE COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING

The ANNUAL MEETING of the Hong Kong Social Welfare Council will be held on Tuesday, December 14th at 5.15 p.m. in the Lecture Room of the Public Relations Office, Statue Square.

The Rev. T. F. Ryan, S.J. will take the Chair, and Mr. D. W. MacIntosh, O.B.E., Commissioner of Police, has kindly promised to be the principal speaker.

All interested are cordially invited to be present.

C. H. SCOTT-MONCRIEFF, Secretary.

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NOTICE

Members are reminded that the St. George's Ball is being held at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday, 7th January, 1949. Any Member who has not received a notice of the Ball should apply to the Secretaries.

It is requested that lists of guests should be submitted as soon as possible.

Any Englishman who is not a Member of the Society and who wishes to join should apply to the Secretaries or to any Member of the Committee.

PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & CO., Secretaries & Treasurers, Exchange Building.

Hong Kong, Dec. 10, 1948.

METAL INDUSTRIES  
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NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, King's Building, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, December 21, 1948, at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1947, electing Directors, appointing Auditors and transacting any other ordinary business of the Company.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

WHELOCK MARDEN & COMPANY, LIMITED, Secretaries & General Managers.

Hong Kong, Dec. 10, 1948.

K.C.C. NEW YEAR'S  
EVE DANCE

Members of the Kowloon Cricket Club are reminded that the annual New Year's Eve Dance will be held in the clubhouse on Friday, December 31, starting at 9 p.m.

The booking list is now open at the clubhouse, and as it is necessary to restrict admission to 400, members are strongly advised to book their parties as soon as possible.

Only members may book tickets, but they may include non-members in their parties.

## POLICE NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the following roads will be closed to Vehicular Traffic from 8 a.m. on Monday, 13.12.48 until road repairs are completed.

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Alleged  
Conspiracy  
Hearing

The hearing of the "Conspiracy Case" against Yip Pak-chor, Lee Chung, Tang Man-hin and Yip Ying-haw was continued yesterday before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central.

The four defendants, represented by Mr. M. A. de Silva, were charged with conspiracy to defraud Yau Cheng-haw of HK\$20,000 between August 1 and August 20.

Inspector Woodhead prosecuted. Chan Siu-por said he was a clerk and interpreter employed by Hastings and Company. He said that in August complainant went to see him in order to seek legal advice. Witness said that complainant told him that certain persons had swindled him of HK\$20,000 and that he wanted to get the money back. After some time a sum of HK\$4,000 was agreed upon. Later complainant reported the matter to the Police.

After cross-examination, Mr. Silva said: "Now that we have the evidence of Mr. Chan, I desire to make a statement, not merely because I am defending the four accused but because I am an officer of this Court."

"In my studies and my reading of the law and in my experience and practice I have found this factor paramount."

## More Concerned

"The Crown is more concerned with crimes against the administration of criminal justice than other forms of crime, however heinous."

"Thus, in a blackmailing case, where the blackmailer threatens to expose an offence committed by the person blackmailed, the Crown does not prosecute the one blackmailed for the offence exposed, but prosecutes the blackmailer and uses the person blackmailed as a Crown witness, treating him with sufficient solicitude as to permit of his going under the pseudonym 'Mr. X.'"

"Again, when a felony has been compounded, a more or less similar policy is pursued and invariably the felon is not prosecuted for the felony but becomes a Crown witness on a charge of compounding."

"The blackmail is ignored, the compounding is subject matter for the newspaper basket. The suspected blackmailers are honoured witnesses for the Crown. May I asked the Crown with all respect why the process and the policy have been reversed? May I seek from you an expression of opinion?"

"I seek both not only as an officer of the Court but as a highly interested member of the family."

The case was adjourned to January 18.

Took Three  
Men To  
Hold Them

When two women were charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday with loitering, disorderly conduct, and obstructing the police, Inspector J. Orem revealed that it took the combined efforts of three European inspectors to hold them while they were being searched.

According to the prosecution, Wong Shui-ching, aged 34, and Yuen Shui-chun, aged 23, were seen by Inspector Baldwin and Detective Corporal 338 at 8.55 p.m. on December 9 "loitering very slowly up and down Ashley Road at the junction of Salisbury Road."

After keeping the women under observation for 15 minutes, the police officers decided to go up to them. On seeing the police, the accused walked quickly away and dashed into the alley between the fire station and the revenue officers' quarters.

When questioned by the police, defendants said that they often went there to look for an inspector whose name they could not give. They were arrested but, on the way to the Tsimshatsui Police Station, gave their captors a lot of trouble.

In the charge-room, they not only refused to be finger-printed and searched but also "used very abusive and obscene language" and kept shouting the whole time. It took the combined efforts of Inspector Baldwin, Sub-Inspector Dow and Detective Sub-Inspector Summers to hold them while they were being searched by the female searcher.

Defendants were remanded until today to be finger-printed and for their records, if any, to be produced.

TAXI STRIKE  
SITUATION

After four weeks, another attempt was made by the Blue, Kowloon and Peninsula Taxi-cab companies yesterday to restart their service on the mainland.

It met with a small measure of success as during the day about a dozen cars were seen operating on the roads.

Instead of sending their vehicles to the Pakhoi Street stand, as they did on November 12, the owners operated from the Blue Taxi garage, and cars were sent out only on receipt of telephone calls.

The only change in the Hong Kong situation was the occupation of their former stand at the Star Ferry by the Star taxis.

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## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Your trouble is that your mon take that dream sign, too literally!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE  
By Shepard Barclay

IT GETS YOU DISCARDS

MANY players would answer incorrectly if asked how they would rather have eight trumps divided between the declarer's hand and the dummy. If they had their choice between one suit with four cards in each holding and another which had five cards opposite three, they would undoubtedly prefer the 5-3 suit. In so doing, they show complete misunderstanding of the way that the 5-3 suit can furnish discards of losers if the 4-4 suit is trump, whereas the 4-4 suit can furnish no discards if the 5-3 suit is trump.

It will readily be seen that, with diamonds as trumps, two clubs could be thrown on the hearts. Where hearts were trumps, no losers could be discarded on diamonds. This fine pair lost no tricks therefore except one to the ace of trumps. Consequently they beat everybody who tried the deal in hearts, whether in slam or less, as in that contract the declarer had to lose two tricks, one in each minor.

Tomorrow's Problem

SK 9  
H A Q 8 5 4 3  
C 8 7 3

S None  
H A K Q 9  
J 7 6 3  
D J 7 6 2  
C J 10

S Q 10 6 5  
H 10 8  
D K 10  
C Q 5 4 2

S A J 8 7 4 2  
H 4 2  
D None  
C A K 9 6

(Dealer: West. North-South vulnerable).

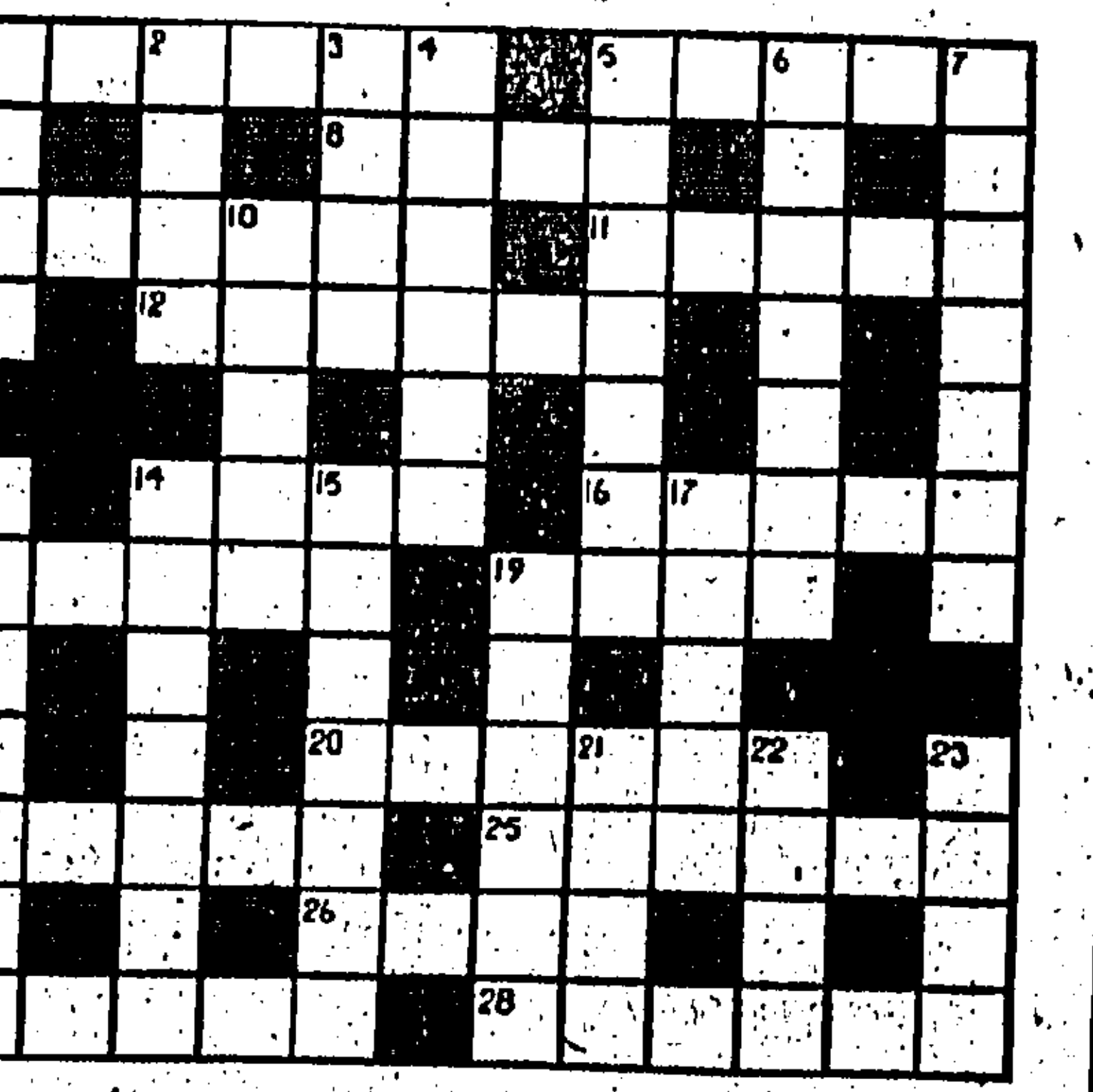
West North East South  
Pass 1 H Pass 2 D  
Pass 2 H Pass 3 C  
Pass 4 D Pass 5 H  
Pass 6 D

This deal's expert handling was one factor which helped two brilliant New York lawyers, S. Garthoff and Churchill, and Cecil Head, win the Masters Pair Championship in the greatest national tournament of the American Contract Bridge League held in Chicago recently.

How should South play for 4-Spades doubled by East on this deal after West leads the K and Q of the hearts he had bid?

(Dealer: East. Neither side vulnerable).

## A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

1 Medical man. 19 Lake.

2 Swift. 20 Speech.

3 Measure. 21 Perfect.

4 Pale. 22 Gathers.

11 Flower. 23 Send out.

12 Rip. 24 Loathed.

14 Waste away. 25 Spread.

16 Extreme. 26 abroad.

18 Solitary.

Down

1 Drug. 13 Glossy coat.

2 Quiet. 14 Ing.

3 Leave out. 15 Omen.

4 Cut down. 16 Annoyed.

5 Income. 17 Commerce.

6 Advance in. 18 Border.

7 Merchants. 19 Voice.

10 Dend tan. 20 Consumes.

11 guage. 21 Employed.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS:—1 Dress. 4 Ideas. 8 Orator. 10 Style. 12 Parcel. 14 Precede. 17 Tube. 19 Isthmus. 20 Entreat. 22 Skit. 23 Torrent. 27 Hevere. 29 Aware. 30 Elated. 31 Elect. 32 Carry.

DOWN:—1 Droop. 2 Evade. 3 Scope. 5 Disc. 6 Azylum. 7 Scones. 8 Radiate. 11 Tether. 13 Restore. 15 Bank. 16 Carter. 18 Burn. 20 Estate. 21 Grade. 24 Hele. 25 Enter. 26 Toddy. 28 Vent.



# Indonesian Conditions For Federal Government

Sydney, December 10.

The Indonesian Republic is prepared to join an interim federal government for the whole of Indonesia.

This is provided it resembles the interim Government of India at the time of Viscount Mountbatten.

Dr. R. Usman, the Republic's representative in Australia, said today.

Dr. Usman was addressing the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE) meeting near here.

Dr. Usman said such a Government must be based on four principles.

(1) It must be of national character with specific authority.

(2) It must consist of capable persons who understand responsibility and really represent the people of Indonesia.

(3) It must be based on the principle of Democracy and

be able to appreciate the growth of Democracy among the Indonesian people.

## Crux Of Dispute

(4) It should be responsible to a constituent assembly elected Democratically by the whole of Indonesia.

Dr. Usman said the crux of the dispute between the Indonesian Republic and the Netherlands was in the difference between the British and Dutch attitude.

The British gave immediate responsibility to an interim government in India whereas the Dutch wanted to restore pre-war conditions in Indonesia before giving responsibility to an interim government there.

Exports from Indonesia are on the rise while imports are decreasing. The Dutch Minister of Economic Affairs announced at the Hague today.

## Marshall Aid

As a result of Marshall Plan aid, imports can now be expected to meet a great need for machinery and industrial raw materials necessary to maintain the production level and to improve the food situation, the announcement said.

The rise in exports was attributed to the reconstruction of factories and plantations.

Tin ore exports alone were 123,000,000 quidars in the first nine months of 1948 against 61,000,000 quidars for all of 1947.

—Associated Press.

## British Help For Yugoslavia

Belgrade, December 9.

British engineers will help Yugoslavia to build up her iron and steel industry under her five-year plan of industrialisation.

A British firm, MacKenzie Metallurgical Engineering Company, will design a large metallurgical plant in Yugoslavia.

The firm's senior Director, Mr. Murdoch MacKenzie, told Reuters that by agreement with the Yugoslav Ministry of Heavy Industry, his firm had undertaken to give the Ministry practical assistance in preparing plans for the extension of the industry.

He added: "I am convinced that the Yugoslav projects for developing the iron and steel industry are capable of being fulfilled and will substantially contribute to the economy and prosperity of the country."—Reuters.

## Anglo-Danish Trade Talks

London, December 9.

The Anglo-Danish trade talks in London ended tonight. The Danish delegates will return to Copenhagen tomorrow.

A Danish spokesman said tonight: "Our delegation were well satisfied with the talks, which were mainly concerned with the Danish importation programme from Britain next year and to a certain extent with exports."

The programme of Danish food exports to Britain was settled in the September agreement, when Denmark undertook to send Britain in the year ending September 30, 1949, 90 per cent of her exportable surplus of bacon, 60 per cent of butter and 85 per cent of eggs.—Reuters.

## ALBANIAN REDS ARRESTED

Belgrade, December 9.

The Yugoslav news agency Tanjug, reported today from Tirana, the Albanian capital, that six leaders of the pro-Tito group in the Albanian Communist Party, who were dismissed in the Albanian Government re-shuffle on November 29, have been arrested.

Other high-ranking Communist Party officials have also been arrested and many others dismissed.—Reuters.

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## Pakistan Groundings

Karachi, December 10.

As a result of an inquiry made into the air crash on November 26, near Lahore, when 21 were killed, the Pakistan Government today suspended all services of the PAK Airways Company.

The Government also ordered a complete examination of engines and fire-extinguishing systems of all Dakotas registered in Pakistan.

The inquiry report revealed that the cause of the crash was a local fire in the port engine of the plane.—Associated Press.

## Canadians To Stay

Ottawa, December 10.

Although women members have been evacuated, the male staff of the Canadian Embassy in Nanjing will stay there in face of the Communist drive to seize the Chinese capital.

The Canadian Ambassador, Mr. T.C. Davis, and male members of his staff will remain on the job indefinitely. The decision does not necessarily mean Canada is confident of the Nationalists' ability to hold the city, nor does it follow that Canada is prepared to accredit its mission to a Communist-dominated regime.

Only a small group of more than 800 Canadians known to be in China has heeded the Government warning to leave the country.—United Press.

## SANTA'S WHISKERS OF YAKS' TAILS

London, December 10.

Britain may get a supply of yaks' tails for making Santa Claus whiskers.

But they will not be in time for this Christmas because members of a Tibetan trade delegation visiting here are wily traders.

The group, headed by the Finance Secretary, Tsepon Shakabpa, will leave for Tibet on Saturday after more than a year of visiting India, China, the United States, France and Britain.

They offered to sell yaks' tails, wool and musk, and undefined varieties of furs. For nearly three weeks they have received offers for these products from British importers and manufacturers.

They signed no formal trade agreement, however, because they first have to test the Tibetan market for Western products. They are taking home some British textile samples and farm seeds.—Associated Press.

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## RUSSIANS PLEASED AT ECAFE DEVELOPMENTS

Sydney, December 10.

The Soviet delegates are very pleased with the decision to admit Indonesia to the ECAFE conference.

This was stated today by Dr. Barcs, Sydney Daily Telegraph international affairs analyst.

"There is much more behind the Dutch walk-out than we have seen or heard," he says. "The Russians pleasure is due to the Dutch walking out; France and Britain abstaining from voting; and Australia and New Zealand voting with Russia."

"In short, everything was confused and Asia had visibly cooled toward ECAFE because they saw no hope of dollar aid from America."

"Asian delegates still hope to get dollars on a business basis, but as one of them told me, 'You talk differently with someone who may be willing to do business with you.'"

"Anyway, the Russians are busy congratulating themselves. They think their slogans about 'colonial imperialism' have successfully penetrated the brains of the Asian delegates. Obviously, the Russians have no objection to dominating and virtually annexing countries around them in Europe but object to Britain, America or Holland having overseas colonies."

**Dutch To Get Tough**

Dr. Barcs predicted that as a result of yesterday's walk-out, Indonesian-Dutch relations were expected to worsen.

"Dutch policy in Indonesia may now really get tough," he said. "The walk-out was deplorable because it created a precedent of a non-Russian power doing the same thing which only the Russians have done before."

ECAFE admitted to its associate membership a state which legally is non-existent.

The whole situation is so muddled that ECAFE's mother organisation, UNESCO, may have

## Criminal Law To Be Revised

Tokyo, December 10.

A bill revising the criminal indemnification law so that any person acquitted after he has been arrested or detained on false charges may sue the State for all periods of detention, or imprisonment, is now before the Diet.

Indemnification by the State will be denied under this bill on two conditions:

1. If an innocent person is convicted because of false confession or false evidence fabricated by him;

2. If he is convicted of some additional charge.—Reuters.

## UN BUDGET

Paris, December 9.

The UN Budget Committee today approved a budget of US\$38,892,574 for 1949 after some delegates had complained it was too much money.

The vote was 30-0 with six Soviet bloc States abstaining.

The budget is US\$100,848 greater than that for 1948.—United Press.

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## RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 152 megacycles per second in the 21 metre band.

12.30 p.m. Daily Programme Summary.

12.32 p.m. A Latin Orchestra Programme with Green Gully (Saxophone).

1.15 p.m. News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m. "Round Stand" Scottish C.W.S. Band conducted by Charles Teller (Saxophone).

2.00 p.m. "Class Down."

2.00 p.m. Programme Summary.

6.00 p.m. "What's the News?" Linda Carter (Saxophone), H.M. (Saxophone), Hong Kong (Saxophone).

7.00 p.m. World and Home News (London Relay).

7.15 p.m. "Great Gildas" (Piano) "On the Air."

7.30 p.m. London Radio Orchestra conducted by Denis Welch (Horns).

8.00 p.m. "From the Editor's Desk" (London Relay).

8.10 p.m. "Saturday Round-Up" - Interview with Recent Arrivals from Toronto (Studio).

8.25 p.m. Sports Results (Studio).

8.30 p.m. Schumann: Concerto in A Minor, Op. 44, Alfred Cortot (Piano) and the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir London Ronald.

9.00 p.m. "Mrs. Topsy Winkle" by Molly Greenbaum. A Biography based on the book "The Tale of Beatrice Potter" (Horns).

10.00 p.m. Radio News Hour (London Relay).

10.15 p.m. Weather Report.

10.30 p.m. "Café de Paris" Dance Music.

11.15 p.m. Weather Report and Close Down.

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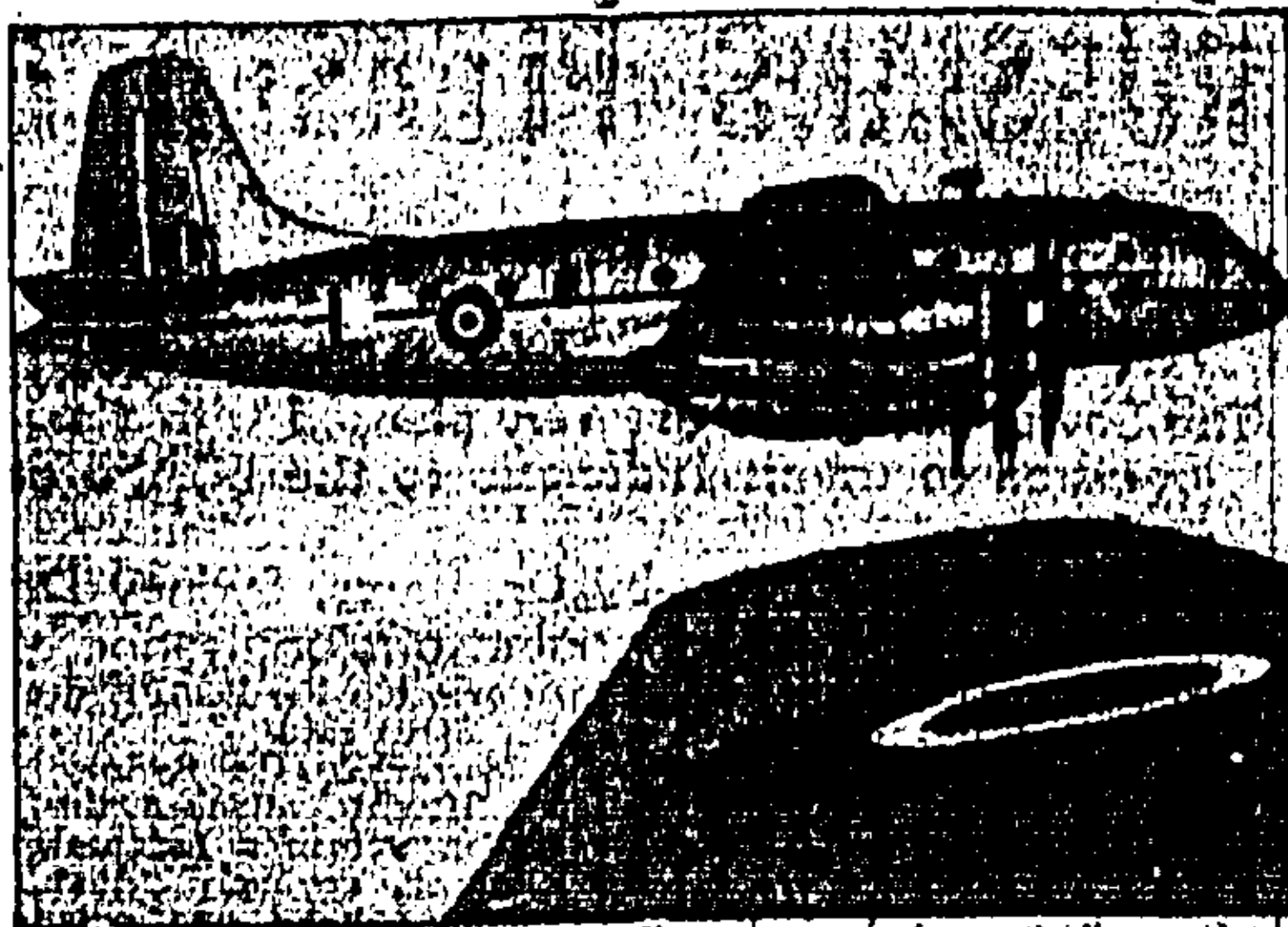
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The first of the four squadrons of Handley Page "Hastings" military transport aircraft, which are being used in the Berlin air lift, reached Schleswigland, in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, Schleswigland, a former Luftwaffe night fighter station, from which "Heinkel" bombers launched flying bombs against London in 1944, is a new base for the Berlin supply route, and will soon become one of the busiest in Germany.

## Chinese Approach To Mr. Truman For Further Aid

Washington, December 9.

President Truman told the press today that he will hear China's plea for more American aid from Madame Chiang Kai-shek at their tea on Friday.

Madame Chiang is expected to ask a three-year programme of aid costing \$1,000,000,000 a year, mainly military.

She may also ask assignment of a larger United States Mission and a prominent military commander to help the Government direct the fight against the Communists, and for a statement on Sino-American solidarity.

President Truman said that he did not know whether he would

have another conference with Madame Chiang after tea.

A reporter asked if the President would use his influence to persuade Madame Chiang to have a press conference.

The President said that he did not know whether he had any influence with her.

Then he suggested the reporter himself ask Madame Chiang.

## Story Of The Solomons

Washington, December 9.

The Marine Corps today revealed that the American forces in the 1943 Northern Solomons campaign killed 10,000 Japanese while losing only about 1,000 men.

American forces bottled up another 30,000 Japanese in the jungles in the Northern Solomons campaign.

These final figures were disclosed for the first time in an official Marine Corps history and evaluation report on the Northern Solomons campaign.

The Japanese lost 24 destroyers, two cruisers and an aircraft carrier during the campaign, in addition to aircraft. The United States forces lost two destroyers as well as planes.—United Press.

Another correspondent remarked that the last time she was here, Madame Chiang held a press conference jointly with the late President Roosevelt.

President Truman remarked that he was not here then.

American diplomatic officials generally make it clear that for a complex variety of reasons, they frown on extending aid to China.

This was echoed in London on Thursday by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Bevin, who declared that Britain is in no position to do anything very material for China.

Chinese officials have indicated that Madame Chiang would ask Mr. Truman for three billion dollars over a three-year period and the designation of a high-ranking U.S. military figure to direct China's Nationalist armies against the Reds.—United Press and Associated Press.

## Churchill To Visit Brazil?

Rio de Janeiro, December 9. It was officially announced in Rio de Janeiro today that Mr. Winston Churchill is to visit Brazil next August as the official guest of the Brazilian Government, provided his health and political engagements allow. The visit is expected to last about three weeks.

In London tonight, Mr. Churchill's secretary told Reuters no invitation to visit Brazil had yet been received by Mr. Churchill. It was stated that Mr. Churchill has no plans to visit Brazil.—Reuters.

## Won't Play With Reds

Paris, December 10.

China's diplomats have no intention of accommodating themselves to any Communist regime, Dr. T. F. Tsiang said today.

The head of the Chinese delegation to the United Nations made his statement in a message to the editor of the New York Times. He was commenting on a Times despatch from Paris.

Dr. Tsiang told the New York Times editor: "The Chinese delegation herewith categorically refuse allegations appearing in (Times correspondent) C. L. Sulzberger's Paris despatch dated December 4, that the Chinese Government planned to establish itself in Formosa and that leading Chinese personalities will refuse transfer to Formosa, preferring to seek to accommodate themselves to a new Communist regime in Nanking."—Associated Press.

# Commission Rejects Soviet Japan Scheme

Washington, December 10.

The Far Eastern Commission today rejected a Soviet proposal to set up a new system of international control to prevent revival of Japan's war industry.

Rejection of the Soviet proposal came after the United States announced that its own programme, known as FEC 230, is no longer necessary.

Reason for this is that the breaking up of Japanese combines and broadening ownership of Japanese industry has been largely carried out.

Members of the Commission reported that the Soviet plan was rejected by a 10 to one vote, meaning that only Russia favoured it.

All the other members supported the American position that the control proposal is unnecessary in view of existing FEC policies.

Major General Frank McCoy, American representative on the 11-Nation Commission, said the U.S. has withdrawn its support of FEC 230 because the U.S. now believes that as a practical matter, there is no need to lay down policies for the guidance of the Supreme Commander with respect to any remaining aspect of the programme.

## Overtaken By Events

The objectives of FEC 230 continue to be a fundamental aim of General MacArthur, McCoy said, but as Supreme Commander he already has largely carried them out and the American proposal for action by the FEC has largely been overtaken by events.

# Severe Blow To Israel's Hopes

Paris, December 10.

Israel hopes for admission into the UN at this session of the General Assembly were dealt a severe blow last night.

The Security Council cancelled a meeting called for Friday at which Israel hoped for action on its membership bid.

This development came as Jewish informants said Israel may soon unchain a trap on 1,200

Egyptian troops encircled at Rafah in the Negev.

The Israeli move was interpreted as possibly advancing negotiations for an Arab-Jewish armistice in the Holy Land and the membership application.

The Security Council's meeting on Friday was tied directly to progress on the Palestine issue in the Assembly.

The Palestine case is expected to come up in the Assembly when that body ends action on the declaration on human rights. The Assembly, however, is to end its session Saturday.

## Cease-Fire Satisfactory

Haifa, December 10.

The United Nations staff chief, Brigadier General William E. Riley, today met the Commanding General of the Iraqi Army, General Noreldin, in Nablis.

Upon his return to Haifa Headquarters, General Riley expressed satisfaction with the interview, during which the truce and armistice were discussed in so far as they concern the Iraqi front.

The local cease-fire which has been in effect since December 9 was also discussed, said General Riley.

The cease fire, which was signed by an Israeli liaison officer and an Iraqi brigade commander, applies to a sector of the front 45 kilometres long.—Associated Press.

Therefore, say these delegates, there is no point having the Council meet on the Israeli application until the Assembly has decided whether to set up a conciliation commission.

Although the Council meeting was cancelled, a special Palestine commission of the Council will meet on Friday to hear more reports on its order of November 1 for withdrawal of Israeli troops from the South desert.—Associated Press.

## FILM NEWS STAR BALLOT

If you have a favourite film star—and who hasn't?—take part in the "HONG KONG FILM NEWS" Star Ballot, and get all your friends to vote, too. This Ballot has been organised to give readers an opportunity of finding out who is the most popular actor and actress with Hong Kong filmgoers, and to discover, by election, the best film shown during the period October, 1947 to October, 1948.

CASH PRIZE OF \$100 WILL BE AWARDED TO THE ENTRANT WHOSE VOTING FORM COINCIDES EXACTLY WITH THE FINAL RESULTS OF THE STAR AND FILM BALLOT.

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To the Editor, "HONG KONG FILM & THEATRE NEWS", Windsor House, Hong Kong.

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NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

ACTOR.....

ACTRESS.....

FILM.....

# Beer Cellar Bomb Plot Sidelight

Munich, December 9.

The Bavarian ex-Minister, Alfred Loritz, who has just been released from prison, claimed today that the bomb which exploded in Munich's historic Beer Cellar just after a Hitler speech on November 8, 1939, was planted there by a Resistance group under his orders.

Loritz, whose prosecution for alleged black market offences was quashed under a recent amnesty, said that the particular group responsible for the bomb consisted of several hundreds and had formed part of a Bavarian Resistance Movement totalling 4,000.

Earlier plans to attack Hitler had been abandoned, one of them because of the treason of a Communist spy.—Reuters.

# Austerity Christmas For Nazis

Berlin, December 9.

The seven top Nazi leaders sentenced at Nuremberg, who are today the only occupants of Berlin's big international Spandau prison, will have their only Christmas privileges—a gramophone record of classical music, a high Allied official told Reuters today.

No increase in rations will be made and, with the exception of the gramophone record for one hour in the common room, their Christmas will be no different from any other day.

The guards in the prison, built to hold 2,500 prisoners, are maintaining the strictest precautions against any suicide attempts. "All the prisoners, who are in the best of health wear the softest possible clothing, and even their breeches break apart when pulled," an official said.

The seven top prisoners are: Hess, Hitler's deputy, Admiral Raeder, Grand Admiral Doenitz, Albert Speer, Walter Funk, Baron von Neurath and von Schirach, Hitler Youth Leader.—Reuters.

## PETROL DOWN

Manila, December 10.

Manilans were treated to a rare deflation note today when Caltex Philippines Incorporated announced in a full-page newspaper advertisement that the price of petrol had been reduced one centavo per litre, from 23 centavos (1 1/2 cents U.S.) to 22 centavos.—United Press.

# Gandhi Quoted In United Nations

Paris, December 9.

Mahatma Gandhi's comments on the Bill of Human Rights were quoted in the crowded plenary session of the United Nations today.

The speaker was Mrs. Menon, who went to the illuminated forum to say that India accepted the limitations imposed by Article 30, which begins: "Everyone has duties to the community in which alone the free and full development of his personality is possible."

She quoted Gandhi's words: "All rights to be desired and preserved must come from duty. Thus, the very right to live accrues to us only when we do the duty of citizenship of the world."

"My delegation," said Mrs. Menon, "accepts this view and regards the declaration of Human Rights as a declaration of obligations."

She welcomed and supported the declaration as a solid base of international co-operation.

She said that the Indian delegation's stand on racial discrimination and equality of the sexes had been firm, clear and uncompromising.

"Racial discrimination is a violation of fundamental human rights and human dignity. It is wrong everywhere, and should be condemned."

"It is a wrong not only inflicted on the groups discriminated against, but also a violation of the principles and purposes of the Charter itself."

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"The more adoption of the declaration should not, however, divert our attention from the more important document, namely the 'Covenant', which my Government is anxious to see adopted soon."—Reuters.

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# HOUR OF DECISION APPROACHES FOR NORTH CHINA COMMANDER

Peiping, December 10.

The hour has just about come when the Nationalist North China Commander Fu Tso-yi, will have to decide whether to stand and fight for Peiping or to make a strategic withdrawal.

He can't contract his forces further without jeopardising his strategic position.

Peiping is anxiously awaiting his decision. Over the past 48 hours there have been signs of disturbing activity around the city. Nationalist families living outside the walls have been ordered inside.

Most dependents of the Air Force in North China have been down to safer regions—Shanghai, Canton, Hankow and Formosa.

In the little walled town of Tungchow, 12 miles East of Peiping, barricades and other defence works are feverishly being built.

Tungchow is the headquarters of the 13th Nationalist Army, withdrawn last month from Jehol province in which General Fu was forced to sacrifice his holdings because of the Nationalist collapse in Manchuria.

## Escape Corridor

At present the Reds gathered South West of Peiping and on the Peiping-Jehol railroad are less than 22 miles North East of this former capital.

Fighting is going on between Peiping and Kalgan. Fu Tso-yi's Westward escape corridor which the Reds are trying to seal. If they succeed, General Fu's armies have only one outlet—Tientsin, the seaport of Tientsin, but even if they tried to pull out that way difficulties

will be extreme—lack of shipping and possible isolation of Tungki by the Reds.

The Reds North East of Peiping, instead of trying to force their way to Tungchow and then to Peiping, might veer Westward toward Nankow on the Peiping-Kalgan railroad at the South end of Nankow Pass, 25 miles North West of Peiping.

## Old Rumours

If the Reds took Nankow and deployed themselves in the mountains flanking the pass, General Fu's land escape route will be useless. Fu, aware of this, has shifted some of his best troops Northward from Tientsin. Fu's withdrawal from points dangerously near Peiping has offered the general public a Chinese puzzle which no one can solve.

The most optimistic theory so far is that Fu is preparing a trap for the Reds by enticing them into a position in which they can be encircled.

But even if he is doing this, and there is no evidence he is, the risk of failure is catastrophic. Fu's spokesman may say only, "You will hear good news in the future."

Developments have revived old rumours that secret talks are under way for the creation of a coalition government in North China when Nanking falls. Some say these talks started on December 1 and are still going on.

## The Possibilities

The confused outlook is clear in at least one respect: it presents three possibilities: first, a fight to the death; second, withdrawal to the North West; third, compromise.

Past experience counsels scepticism about any fight to the death.

As to withdrawal to the North West—Fu has concentrated the bulk of his personal troops in the Peiping area and left the Tientsin-Tungchow area largely to Central Government Forces. As to compromise, the Reds are in a position now where they don't have to bargain and can dictate a settlement. Rumour says they accept nothing but complete submission.

Still, most observers here think they would make at least face-saving concessions.—Associated Press.

## URANIUM FIND IN ITALY

Rome, December 9. The Communist newspaper *Unita* reported today that two types of ores containing uranium, used in the manufacture of atomic bombs, have been found near Cuneo, in the Piedmont area of North Italy.

Mining experts have been conducting secret operations in the area, the newspaper reported. Work had been going on at the Larissa water purifying station 50 miles from Turin because of the well known radio activity of the water.

The discovery of uranium in the Po Valley was reported in June, 1947.—Reuters.

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## Airlift Near A Record

Berlin, December 9.

United States and British planes brought in 6,312 tons of supplies to Berlin in the second consecutive day of near-record operations.

Allied airmen made 758 flights to give a forceful answer to the new Russian bid to impede the airlift supply service.

The Russians had complained of 13 instances of alleged dangerous low flying by American and British airlift planes.

Today's airlift was surpassed only by that in September when 9,047 tons of supplies were brought to Berlin in a special show for the Russians' benefit.

There was a flurry of excitement when the British-licensed newspaper *Telegraph* reported that the Russians were barricading themselves in the Berlin sector, expecting an attempt to throw out the Russians.

However, a correspondent who visited the building found only two bored Russian sentries armed with automatic rifles.

The British denied they intended to force the Russians out.—United Press.

## MINE TRAGEDY

London, December 7.

Three men trapped after an underground fire in the Hestheth pit of the Whitfield unit at Tunstall today are feared dead, according to a National Coal Board statement.—Reuters.

## Recommendations On Europe Unity

Paris, December 9.

A delegation of the European Movement, of which Mr. Winston Churchill is a President, today presented a series of recommendations to the five power inter-governmental committee on European unity.

The recommendations urged:

1. Summoning of a consultative European Assembly as

soon as possible and inclusion within its scope of economic, military and constitutional matters.

2. Increasing the number of countries taking part in the unity movement to include all free peoples of Europe, especially Italy.

3. Membership of the Assembly to reflect the relative importance of the political forces of the country concerned.

4. Work of the Assembly to include the preparation of permanent specialised committees.

5. A liaison between a European Council of Ministers projected by the European Movement and the Assembly.

Mr. Duncan Sandys (son-in-law of Mr. Churchill), Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Movement, announced that the International Council of the European Movement would meet in Brussels next February 25 to 28. This conference would be opened by the British Prime Minister, Mr. Paul Henri-Spaak, and Mr. Churchill, Mr. Leon Blum (France) and the Italian Prime Minister, Signor Alcide De Gasperi, are expected to speak. The Movement will also hold an economic conference in London next April and a cultural conference at a place not yet decided next September.—Reuters.

## Sibelius Celebrates Birthday

Helsinki, December 10.

Congratulatory telegrams from all over the world continue to pour into the home of the Finnish composer, Jan Sibelius.

Sibelius quietly celebrated his 83rd birthday on Wednesday surrounded only by members of his family. But friends and admirers in many countries sent their greetings by telegram. The steady flow of cables became so great that the local post office in Jaerventie was flooded and the general office in nearby Helsinki had to handle the cables.

Sibelius also received a welcome addition to his stack of cigar boxes, by friends in New York. The United States envoy told him an unexpected visit, bringing fresh cigars to the cigar-loving composer.—Associated Press.

## Reds See Victory "In One More Year"

Nanking, December 9.

The Chinese Communist Radio said today that the Red forces might overthrow President Chiang Kai-shek's regime in around one more year and called upon all Chinese women to help them.

The broadcast summoned women of all social classes to a nationwide conference next spring to map their participation in the struggle against American imperialism and its stooges, the Kuomintang reactionaries.

The Radio said that because of the Communist lightning advances it is fundamentally possible to overthrow the reactionary Kuomintang Government in one more year.—United Press.

## Premier Holding Cabinet Talks

Shanghai, December 10.

Chinese political circles in Shanghai hinted today that China's new Premier, Sun Fo, has been in conference from his bed (where he is convalescing from a foot operation) on the formation of a new Cabinet.

During talks yesterday, Dr. Sun was said to have offered Cabinet posts to such Party and Government veterans as Chang Chun, former Premier, Wu Teh-cheng Secretary-General of the Central Committee of the Kuomintang, Wong Wen-hao, former Premier, Chen Li-fu, Vice-President of the Legislative Yuan, Shao Li-tze, one time Ambassador to Moscow, and Chang Chi-chung, the Generalissimo's representative in North West China.

Shao and Chang are understood to favour a renewal of effort for some sort of coalition with the Communists; the others are all opposed.

All six declined posts but promised to help outside the Government.

Conferences were still in progress today. Dr. Sun is reported to intend to return to Nanking on December 13 to assume office on December 15.

One report emanating from his sick room conference was that if he did not shortly succeed in forming a Cabinet which would include all Party and Government factions he would immediately resign.—Associated Press.

## He "Talked With God" When a POW

Salem, Oregon, December 9.

A former Air Force sergeant who said he "talked with God" while a prisoner of the Japanese is returning to Japan as a missionary.

Jacob Dessazer, 35, staff sergeant bombardier in the famed Doolittle Tokyo raid, left here for San Francisco to embark on December 14. He is representing the Free Methodist Church and is accompanied by his wife and year-old son.

Mr. Dessazer graduated from Seattle's Pacific College last spring. He was a prisoner for 40 months, 34 of them in solitary confinement. He was captured when he parachuted from his disabled plane into a Chinese cemetery.

During solitary confinement, he said, he "talked with God" and determined to become a missionary and return to Japan to carry out his work.—United Press.

## KIDNAPPED BY GUERRILLAS

Athens, December 9.

United States Army Engineers Corps announced today that Greek guerrillas are believed to have kidnapped an American named Grassner in the Kozani area of Macedonia.

Grassner was driving a truck accompanied by a Greek interpreter when he disappeared. The truck was found burnt out.—Reuters.

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## CRUSADE IN EUROPE

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's  
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I felt I had to stop speculation by war reporters as to the future intentions of the Allied Force. I knew the Germans were watching us intently and it is astonishing how expert a trained intelligence staff becomes in piecing together odd scraps of seemingly unimportant information to construct a picture of enemy plans. At the moment Northern Africa was a hive of preparation for the Sicilian invasion. At every possible spot along the beaches we were holding exercises; ports were being stocked with needed supplies, and harbours and inlets were receiving landing craft. It seemed certain that if reporters seeking items of interest for their papers and radio networks should continue to report upon activities throughout the theatre, the enemy would soon be able to make rather accurate deductions as to the strength and timing of attack, even if we should be successful in concealing its location.

During periods of combat inactivity reporters have a habit of filling up their stories with speculation, and since after some months of experience in a war theatre any newsman acquires considerable skill in interpreting coming events, the danger was increased that soon the enemy would have our plans almost at hand. I do not believe that speculation by self-styled military analysts in the home-lands, far removed from a theatre of operations, is of any great benefit to the enemy. These long-distance conclusions are based upon the sketchiest of information and are usually amusing rather than terrifying, although they become dangerous as they edge closer to the truth and give statistical information to substantiate ideas. But in an active theatre it is an entirely different matter, and because of an inherent hatred of unexplained censorship and, more than this, because of the confidence I had acquired in the integrity of newsmen in my theatre, I de-

clined to take them into my confidence. The experiment was one which I would not particularly like to repeat, because such revelation does place a burden upon the man whose first responsibility is to conceal the secret. But by making it I immediately placed upon every reporter in the theatre a feeling of the same responsibility that I and my associates bore. Success was complete. From that moment onward, until after the attack was launched, nothing speculative came out of the theatre and no representative of the press attempted to send out anything that could possibly be of any value to the enemy. After the operation was completed many correspondents told me of the fear they felt they might be guilty of even inadvertent revelation of the secret. During the period of preparation they even became reluctant to discuss the subject among themselves, and invented the most elaborate code names to refer to items of equipment and to details of the projected operation.

Mouths fell open as I began the conference by telling the reporters that we would assault Sicily early in July, with the Seventh Army under General Patton attacking the Southern beaches and the British Eighth Army under General Montgomery attacking the Eastern beaches South of Syracuse. There was almost painful silence as I explained that General Alexander would be in command of both armies and that we were already conducting the preliminary air campaign to destroy the German air forces and to cut his sea and land communications as

well as to soften his defences. I told the press that we were conducting this air offensive in such a way as to lead the enemy to believe that we would attack the western end of the island. I informed them that we would use airborne troops in the operation on a much larger scale than had yet been attempted in warfare. The attack was carried out in exactly this fashion on the night of July 9.

Because of the existence of splendid naval communications at Malta that place was chosen as our headquarters for the initial stages of the operation. Most of our air formations were crowded into the airfields of North Eastern Tunisia, so the principal air headquarters had to remain in the vicinity of ancient Carthage. General Alexander, Admiral Cunningham, and I all went to Malta a day or so before the attack was scheduled, to be in position to take any action that might prove necessary. We were guests of Field Marshal Lord Gort, governor of the island.

Malta then presented a picture far different from the one of a few months earlier, when it was still the target for a hostile air force that had little effective opposition. Malta had taken a fearful beating but the spirit of the defenders had never been shaken. As Allied air and naval support approached them through the conquest of North Africa, they rose magnificently to the occasion. By the time we found need for Malta's facilities its airfields were in excellent condition and its garrison was burning to get into the fight.

A story in connection with this preparation illustrates the amaz-

ment sometimes created by American organisations that have been indoctrinated in the mass production methods of the United States. This incident involved the construction of the airfield on the little island of Gozo, lying just off Malta. It was so ill-favoured in the matter of terrain that British field engineers, who depended to a great extent upon hand tools and light equipment, had given up any hope of producing a field there in time for use in the Sicilian campaign. Happily, just at the critical moment Air Marshal Park, in command of the air forces of the island, had as a visitor an American engineer who specialised in the construction of airfields.

Park told the engineer of this particular problem and after showing him the projected site asked for an estimate on the time it would take to construct an operational strip. The answer was a nonchalant "Ten days." This struck Park—who is a human dynamo himself—as preposterous that he thought himself the victim of a joke. However, upon noting the thoughtful way in which the engineer was considering the problem, he asked: "When can you start?"

"As soon as my equipment can get here, which should take several days,"

The upshot was that messages began to fly through the air, and within days from the time the first American construction unit stepped on the island the first fighter plane was taking off from the strip. To perform this seeming miracle the engineers had employed almost every type of modern earth-moving machinery to be found on any large construction job in the United States, equipment that British engineers envied but had never dreamed could be brought into such a remote part of an active theatre of war. This story was told to me over and over again by British officers on the island whose admiration for the American engineering was scarcely short of awe. This fighter strip gave us an additional base from which to sustain our attack against Sicily.

The ship convoys bringing the troops to their allotted places had to come from ports stretched throughout the length of the Mediterranean. The timing and final manoeuvring of the various naval columns had to be exactly performed in the narrow, mine-filled waters separating Sicily from the mainland and had to be done so as to keep the enemy in a state of confusion and indecision until the last moment. Admiral Cunningham, Admiral Hewitt, and all their subordinates performed the task faultlessly.

Everything was proceeding with seeming perfection until the actual day of the assault. Then the weather, which in that part of the Mediterranean is normally serene in summer, began to deteriorate so badly as to threaten our ability to land. Since the wind direction was generally from the West it was the Southern beaches for which we were anxious. The Western beaches would have the shelter of the island itself. I spent some hours with Admiral Cunningham in his office, to which meteorological specialists brought frequent reports and forecasts. Naval personnel have a habit of referring to wind

velocity in terms of "Forces." In would come "a man and say, 'Force 4 sir' or 'Force 5 sir.' For me this had to be translated into miles per hour, but I had no difficulty, watching Cunningham's face, in realising that Force 5 was worse than Force 4. However, falling velocities were predicted for sundown and this cheered us, because if that tendency continued conditions by midnight should be satisfactory! Some of us went outside for a short walk, but we watched the wind indicators fearfully, almost prayerfully, because the hour was fast approaching when it would be impossible to turn back assaulting forces from their intended landings. A message came from General Marshall: "Is the attack on or off?" My reaction was that I wish I knew! Evening approached with predictions indicating some slight improvement. We decided to go on as planned, and I so radioed to General Marshall. My feeling was that, even if the forces on the Southern coast should find it necessary to delay landing, those on the East would surely get ashore and we would have less confusion and disadvantage than would result from any attempt to stop the whole armada. But the evening wore on and the wind velocity increased alarmingly. There was nothing we could do but pray, desperately.

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THE FIRST TROOPS SCHEDULED TO REACH THE island were the airborne contingents. The route of some of these lay directly across Malta and a number of us went out on the hill-tops to watch them pass. In the wind and storm it was difficult for them to keep direction. Our plotting board in the air operations room showed that many planes and tanks were blown far off course, but generally the columns kept on target and when the one we were watching had passed overhead, we returned to headquarters to await reports. Most of us turned in to catch a few hours of sleep.

The first messages in the morning were a mixture of good and bad. A number of the gliders participating in the airborne attack on the British front had been cast loose too far from their targets and the high wind had dropped some into the sea. We feared a heavy loss of life and, though statistics later showed that casualties were less than we feared, it was still a tragic incident. On both flanks the landings from the sea seemed to be proceeding well with only moderate opposition.

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HONG KONG AND  
COMMUNISM

It is very rarely that the Governor has occasion to make a political speech on an ideological theme. Special significance will therefore almost certainly be attached to his address at the formal reopening of Morrison Hall, when he vigorously attacked Communism and gave warning that it will be resisted by freedom-loving peoples at every point where it threatens to disturb the democratic way of life. The division of the world into Communist and non-Communist areas is a fact in 1948 as the division of Europe into Catholic and Protestant spheres was a recognised fact to the end of the Wars of Religion in 1648. Internal struggles will continue; there is a majority of non-Communists in Eastern Europe, many of them bitterly resentful of the dominance of Moscow and there are a large number of Communists in the Western sphere. In China, there is a vast majority for whom Communism has no meaning, whose only wish is that both sides in the civil war would stop fighting and leave them to till the fields and trade in peace. If numbers are becoming indoctrinated after their area has been overrun by the Reds, it is largely because of the ill-repute which the Nationalists frequently leave behind, or because nothing else has emerged in Chinese political life to inspire either confidence or support. Whether in the battle-line or political infiltration, the Communists have been doing an ever more skilful job than their opponents and there seems to be nothing to prevent them from establishing an all-Communist state in China unless a miracle occurs in the handling of China's affairs by the liberal and conservative leaders, or the United States is prepared to go very much further by way of active intervention than today appears to be probable. There is, of course, no immediate anxiety down here in the South. The Reds have a long task ahead before they reach the Yangtze and a longer one if they pursue the logical course and consolidate before seeking other provinces to conquer. Movement South will, it is believed, find them progressively less welcome to the local populations which means a more active resistance in the field and probably much troublesome non-co-operative activity in their rear. Nevertheless, that they may finally achieve the conquest of the entire country, is a consideration which no one in authority in surrounding areas can afford to ignore. Sir Alexander appears to have been making it clear, long in advance of any such contingency, that this British Colony will not brook any interference with the peace of its existence merely because we do not agree with the political colouring of a neighbour. This does not mean that Hong Kong contemplates cutting off all commerce with such a neighbour, on the contrary it is the democratic

The American capital is asking: What would the world do if there were no United States?

During the past few days the queues of dollar-demanders, aid applicants, credit cutters, borrowers, pawnbrokers, and wallet tappers has got out of hand.

Mrs. Chiang Kai-shek, flying in from China, is taking her way into the Treasury. Her husband says American blunders at Yalta make it obligatory for the United States to send help and also a top-ranking general or two.

Turkey and Greece are requesting more money. Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg want arms for the North Atlantic Alliance.

The Marshall Plan's funds for the first year run out in April and several more billion dollars will have to be voted. Almost every country on earth has its hands outstretched and is murmuring "Gimme."

The hands sometimes appear grasping and the chant becomes monotonous. Just how much money, how many goods are needed, and for how long? asks Washington.

To me, a visitor to the city, the question appears reasonable. Already the United States is carrying most of the load of the United Nations—the Marshall Plan, the Western Hemisphere Defense Pact, and the European and Far Eastern occupation areas.

## Worn Out

Washington is becoming slightly worn out with providing milk and money for all the globe. If it could be sure that all the help was being well used, sensibly for the U.S., it would feel better.

But the borrowers show little gratitude and much impudence, and the only voice moved to say "Thank you" frequently is Mr. Churchill. It is hardly surprising that the borrowers' queue isn't the best loved or most popular sight in Washington. Americans would like to see it kept in line, keep quiet, and mend its manners.

Am very fond of this city, though I've never lived here except for a few weeks at a stretch. It has lost its sleepy, Southern town atmosphere, and today has almost a war-time urgency.

code that it is possible for capitalism and communism to exist side-by-side in reasonably friendly harmony, exchanging goods, as long as each keeps unto himself as far as politics are concerned. However, we shall be far happier if we keep the Communists well to the North.

## DON IDDON'S DIARY

## Dollar Demanders

There is more bustle and vigour about the place than there used to be, even if the tempo is slower than in New York.

Traffic is a mad mix-up, and the planners or improvisers have made the labyrinth more involved by erecting an amazing array of "No Left Turn" signs which read "Walk," "Don't Walk," "Obey Lights," "Move," "Halt." There are also red and green electric arrows winking and darting at most street intersections.

## Walkers Too!

Pedestrians can be, and are, given summonses for disregarding the signs and crossing against the stream of motor traffic.

I went to Secretary of State Marshall's Press conference and thought he looked weary and worn out. His hair, like President Truman's, has turned almost white. He was brusque, almost curt, with questioners, very much the soldier, and obviously cool to the latest requests from China.

There is more gossip in Washington about Marshall's future than about anything else. The President wants him to stay on, but he is likely to retire to his Virginia farm within six months if the cold war gets no hotter.

## Strike Unpopular

In New York the pulse moves back to normal as the dock strike, which cost shippers \$8,000,000 a day, ends. This was one of the most unpopular strikes ever pulled, and the sympathy walkout in Southampton, far from winning friends and influencing people here, was regarded as mischievous interference.

Wall-street is still in the delirium; the forgotten man, Thomas E. Dewey, may run again for Governor of New York State in 1950; national sympathy with the King in his illness is massive and

moving; and British criticisms of Eisenhower's book are lacerating feelings here.

Fashions get fancier and women have taken to wearing fussy, feathered hats.

New Yorkers say din lights have the highest scandal power. There's a gloom in Hollywood. The big Warner Brothers and Eagle-Lion studios are shuttered. Other companies are running on half time.

Despite all the brave statements about the American film industry being self-supporting, it is now pretty clear that without the British market film-making is a hazardous financial business.

I had a charming letter from Sir Charles Cochran the other day. In it he wrote: "Tallulah Bankhead, of Alabama, tipped me Truman as the winner and I won a bet of 100 dollars. Tallulah said that she, like most stars, knew how it felt to have a bad Press and that nobody ever had a worse one than the President, who certainly gave a fine display of guts." A pity I didn't take Tallulah's advice too.

## People Like Them

Leo Genn, one of my favourite netters, will co-star with Margaret Sullivan on Broadway in "People Like Us," by Frank Vosper.

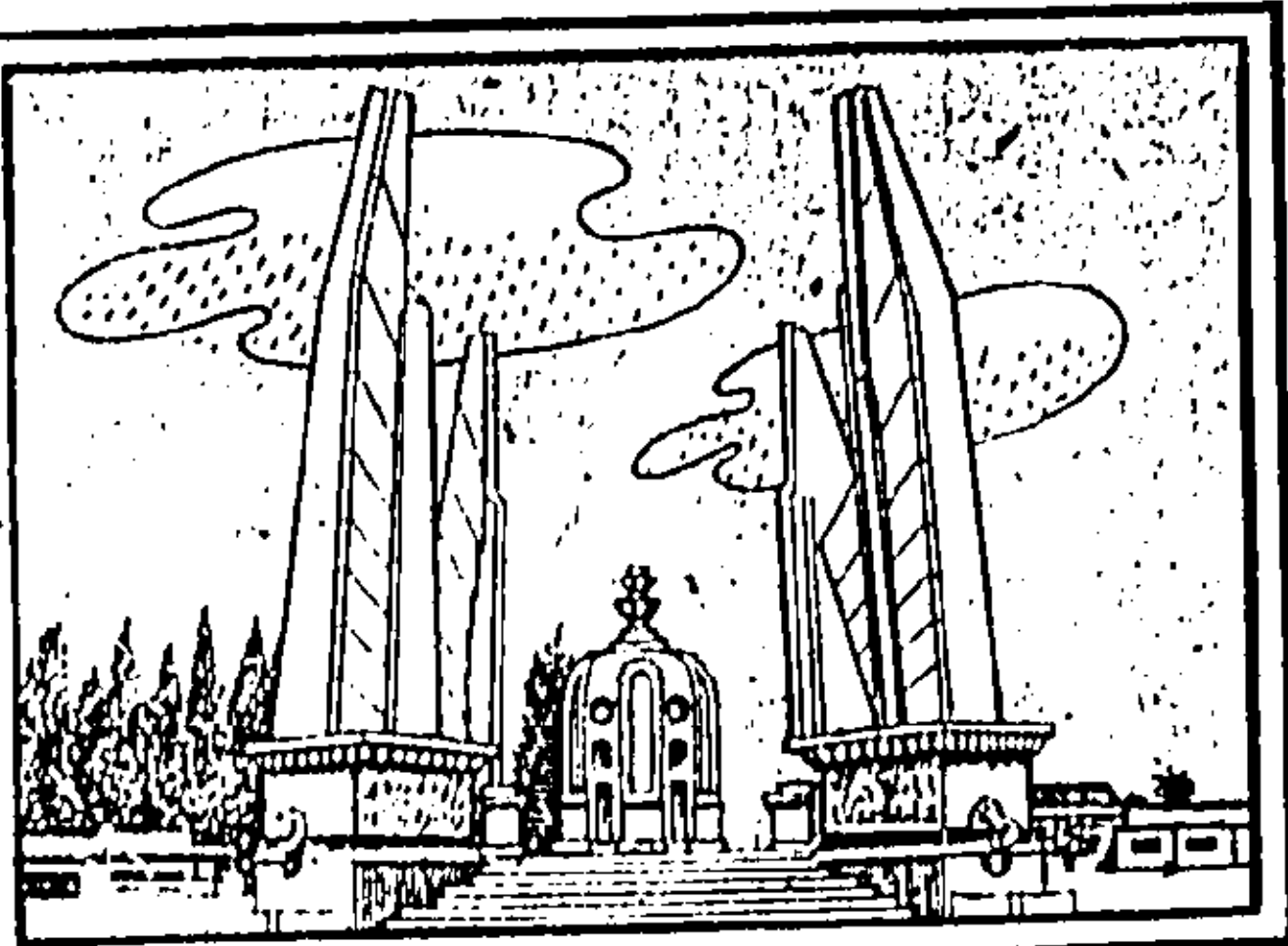
Charles Boyer's fans are complaining that he doesn't wear his toupee in the play "Red Gloves," now showing out of town. The Frenchman refuses to capitulate, although he, like Bing Crosby, Jack Benny, Jackie Coogan, wears a toupee when making films.

Hollywood says the economy wave is so strict that a cowboy hero now hits the villain with the first bullet.

Footnote: Washington says only a steady hand will prevent broken China.

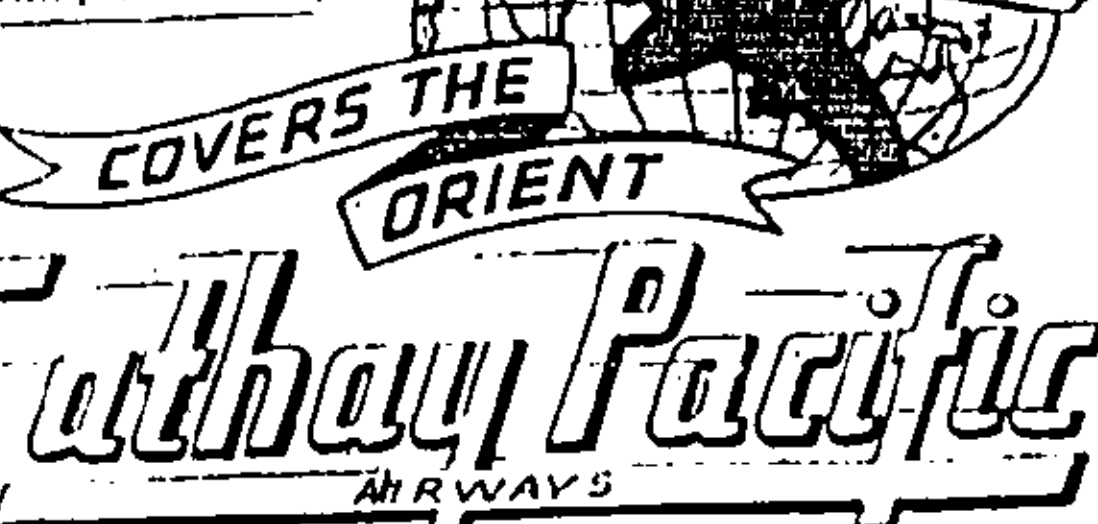
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# BRITAIN AND CHINESE WAR

## China Told Not To Expect Any Help

### "Not Indifferent To Fate Of Our Trading Interests"

London, December 9.

Britain has explained to the Chinese Government that because of her financial and economic position, she is unable to give material aid to the Nationalist armies fighting the Communists.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, told the House of Commons this today.

The Foreign Secretary delivered to a crowded House of Commons a wide review of the external situation. This was the opening of a two-day debate by the House of Commons on foreign affairs, the first for more than two months.

An Bevin began by explaining his intention to concentrate mainly on the problems of Europe and the Western world. But he made no exception for the situation in China.

He said he was not at all present here to make a statement of the Communist position in China, but to explain the British Government's attitude towards it.

"We cannot help the Nationalist Government in China," he said. "We are not in a position to do so. Our resources are exhausted. Our economy is in a state of collapse. We are unable to provide the material aid which the Nationalist Government needs."

Not Indifferent

The British Government has consistently followed a policy, he declared, of not being indifferent to the fate of either our national or our economic interests in China.

The Government was watching the situation very carefully and it earnestly hoped that both parties in China would respect British lives and property.

"No one can foresee what the outcome of the present struggle will be, but it must be the hope of the whole world that peace may soon be restored."

"As far as the British Government is concerned, it is prepared to assist in whatever way we can," the Foreign Secretary said.

Mr. Bevin then turned to the situation in Europe, saying: "Our policy has remained constant and for the past year we have been building up rapidly as possible a solid structure."

**Berlin Crisis**

On the problem of Berlin, he first paid a tribute to Dr. Juan Peron, the Argentine Foreign Minister, and his neutral colleagues on the Security Council.

Mr. Bevin then declared: "At the same time, it is necessary to point out that the prospect of a satisfactory outcome has been prejudiced by the actions of the Soviet authorities in Berlin."

"Since June and more particularly since October, when the problem of Berlin was referred to the Security Council, the Soviet authorities have taken successive steps to destroy the unified administration of Berlin."

"Our policy has not been changed. We still hold to the position that if the blockade is withdrawn we are prepared for the introduction of a single currency provided a satisfactory scheme can be worked out."

Mr. Bevin said Britain is also ready for discussions by the four

powers on the problem of Germany as a whole, provided that it is possible to reach a straight forward understanding arrangement in Berlin.

There was an interruption by the Communist Member, Mr. William Gallacher, while Mr. Bevin was discussing the recent Berlin municipal elections.

**Ruhr Control**

Mr. Gallacher exclaimed: "Tannenberg Hall," an allusion to the electoral system of New York.

Mr. Bevin retorted: "There was no interference by the part of the Western Powers. We have never had time to create a Tannenberg Hall. We don't know how to do it."

"The Western powers can claim," Mr. Bevin continued, "that the results of the elections reflect the views of the population. I think a proper significance should be attached to the result of the vote."

After referring to the question of the Ruhr, the Foreign Secretary said: "Whatever the cost to the Western powers, we must maintain our position and ensure that the methods that have been used by the Soviet Government in connection with Berlin do not succeed."

The Foreign Secretary reviewed the steps which are being taken to draft an occupation statute and a fundamental law for Germany and added: "It is our desire to press on with this procedure as rapidly as possible and we want to see the realisation of our aim, the establishment of a peaceful and democratic Germany."

Mr. Bevin then referred to the management of the Ruhr on which subject a discussion arose recently between France and the other two Western powers.

**First Essential**

Saying that the first essential is a safeguarded European security, Mr. Bevin added: "We believe that if we attempted to impose an international ownership of the Ruhr industries it would lead to endless friction, would depress production and would make German reconstruction difficult, if not impossible."

"We are convinced that it would not bring peace," Mr. Bevin said.

Mr. Bevin said the four powers agreed that the question of trusteeship of the Ruhr industries should be settled by the Germans themselves.

At this point, several Members interjected to ask: "Who agreed?" Mr. Bevin replied: "Molotov, Mr. Bevin and Mr. Marshall. That is the one thing that they have been absolutely unanimous about."

Mr. Bevin said further that the scheme of trusteeship was communicated to the French Military Government and also to the Benelux countries at the end of August.

"There was no attempt on our part to ignore the French Government," Mr. Bevin said.

**A Principle**

The Foreign Secretary asserted that the solution to Berlin might take some time, but he was quite sure that once both sides agreed

it should be resolved, by reason and not by force, there will be a hope of settlement between the four great powers.

"We have to establish that principle by our actions and Berlin is far more important to the world than most people realise."

Since June, Mr. Bevin said, the Soviet authorities had taken successive steps to destroy the unified administration of the city. "It must be clear to the House that the administrative division of Berlin will make it technically and psychologically much more difficult to devise a satisfactory scheme for the introduction of a single currency in Berlin."

"We are seeking to do a straight forward, understandable arrangement that cannot be used to justify the interests and rights of the occupying powers in Berlin or in the Zone."

"If and when this is done, we have agreed with the Security Council and indeed we agreed in Moscow that we were ready for the four powers to discuss the problem of Germany as a whole if they so desired."

**Equal Role**

Great progress, he said, had been made with the drawing up of an occupation statute. "It will lay down the obligations of the Germans and the limitations of the occupying powers," he said.

"We have been conscious of the whole time that if ever Western Germany is to be consolidated, then Germany must play a part and, in the end, it must be an equal part," he said.

The first essential was to see that the Ruhr did not again endanger the security of the West.

Mr. Bevin then turned to the question of Austria, saying: "Britain was completely understanding in the Commonwealth Conference—but not on the idea of a European Assembly."

"We must not commit them to this or to any form it would take," he said.

**Western Union**

"I think it is only fair that the four great powers should try to settle matters and get the troops out and allow her to have her freedom in accordance with the solemn understanding made by Mr. Churchill in Moscow in 1943."

Whatever difficulties the great powers may have between themselves it is rather sad to visit these quarrels on small powers, Mr. Bevin said.

The Foreign Secretary reported that rapid progress has been achieved on the political aspects of Western Union.

He emphasised as absolutely fundamental the establishment of a common Command and a permanent organisation for the supply of materials of defence.

Mr. Bevin continued: "If we reach a successful conclusion of our discussions on the North Atlantic Pact, and I have every confidence in believing that we shall, such a pact will mean that an important area of the world will have the opportunity of entering into a system of collective security."

But what is more important, it will give confidence, particularly to the Western European powers. I know nothing which will give us a chance to end the age-long struggle between Germany and France as much as this Atlantic Pact and guarantee the confidence of France for the future.

**United Nations**

"Before many years it will be found that the Defence Ministers and the Finance Ministers of the Western world will be sitting down and discussing a common budget, a common task and a common method of defence in order that they can protect themselves and carry on the resources of their countries."

Mr. Bevin referred to the discussion in the Italian Parliament in which he said the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister had both made statements identifying Italy with the cause of Western democracy.

He added: "We welcome these statements and look forward to early association with Italy in this work."

The Foreign Secretary also said: "I will now comment on another international organisation which is giving us great concern. The United Nations is giving us great concern as to

## U.S. Views On Bevin Speech

Washington, December 9. Diplomatic quarters here believe that Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, was paving the way in his House of Commons statement today on China for British citizens to conduct their business as usual despite the Chinese Communist advances.

The United States attitude may not be far removed from that outlined by Mr. Bevin, they said, for there seems to be a growing desire to protect American commercial interests in the occupied areas.

There is an increasing conviction that America, though primarily responsible, as Mr. Bevin said, for the support of the Chinese Government, is unable to provide it with practical assistance in its present status.—Reuter.

whether it is going to face up to grave problems at all."

Mr. Bevin stated that arrangements had been completed for setting up a military security board, agreed in principle in London last summer, to prevent German rearmament. "If we can create a security board established on a proper footing, with all the requisite powers of inspection, we shall have created the essential condition of European security so far as Germany is concerned," he said.

**The Ruhr**

Stressing the need for collaboration of the Commonwealth, Mr. Bevin said: "It is a combination of Western Union with these great countries of the Commonwealth which is bound to be a stabilising influence in the world."

"I understand that on Western Union there was complete understanding in the Commonwealth Conference—but not on the idea of a European Assembly."

"We must not commit them to this or to any form it would take," he said.

## EDEN SUGGESTION FOR ITALIAN COLONIES

London, December 10.

Mr. Anthony Eden tonight urged Western Union joint responsibility for trusteeship over the former Italian colonies if the United Nations failed to provide a solution.

The Deputy leader of the Conservative Opposition was speaking in the House of Commons foreign affairs debate.

"My suggestion is that if we cannot get a satisfactory arrangement at the United Nations to facilitate a solution, the matter might well be entrusted to the countries of the Western Union, which Italy has now happily expressed her desire to join."

"Then those Western Union countries might accept a joint responsibility for a trusteeship of these former colonies. Under that trusteeship, it ought to be possible to reach an arrangement for the administration of these territories which would honour our pledges and satisfy those concerned."

Under this arrangement, it should, he said, be possible to give some measure of satisfaction to Italy in her most urgent problem—emigration.

He also urged the British Government to establish a British political representative at Tel Aviv on a de facto basis as a step towards an effort to settle the Palestine problem.

There was some indication by both Arabs and Jews of an underlying desire for a settlement, he said.

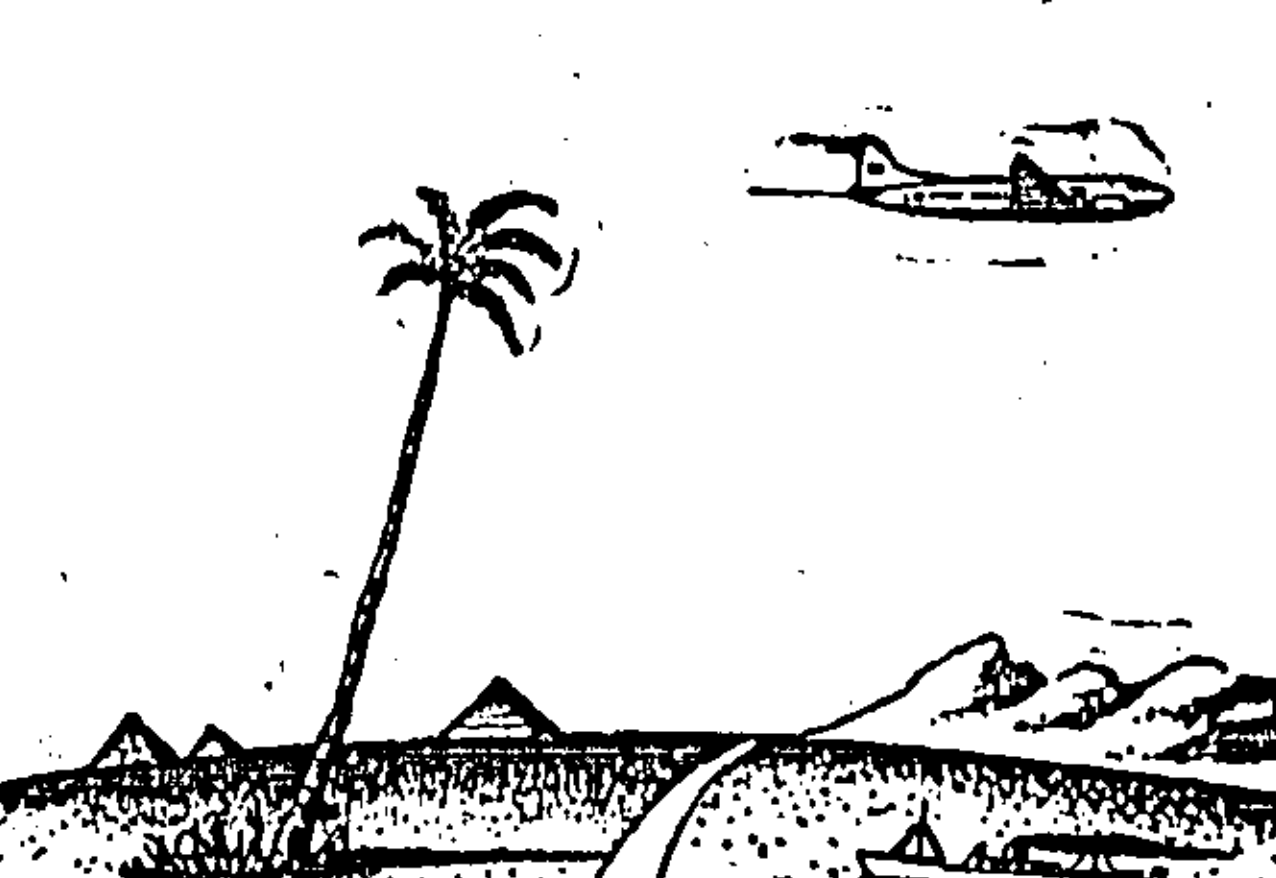
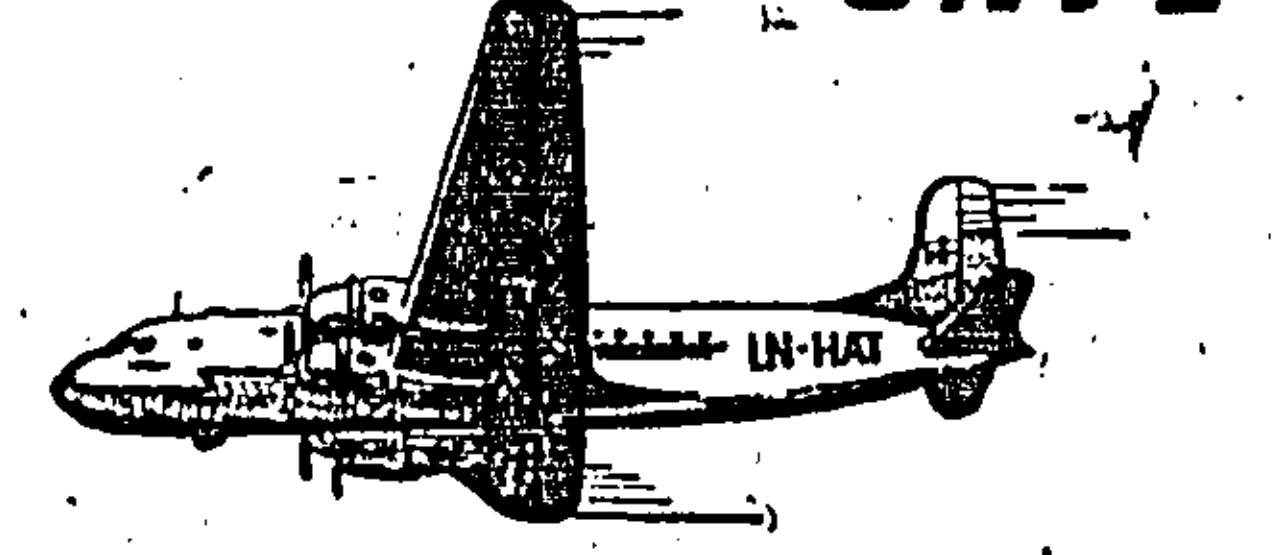
**The Ruhr**

Britain could help to build a bridge and it was desirable that she should be at both ends. "Any such conditional recognition thus given would of course depend on an undertaking in no circumstances to resume operations and to enter immediately into direct negotiations for a settlement," Mr. Eden added.

Mr. Eden said he did not think Mr. Bevin or the American Government could really be surprised at the strength of the French reaction to the Anglo-American announcement about German trusteeship of the Ruhr industries.

"If we are going to have Western Union, it is surely desirable

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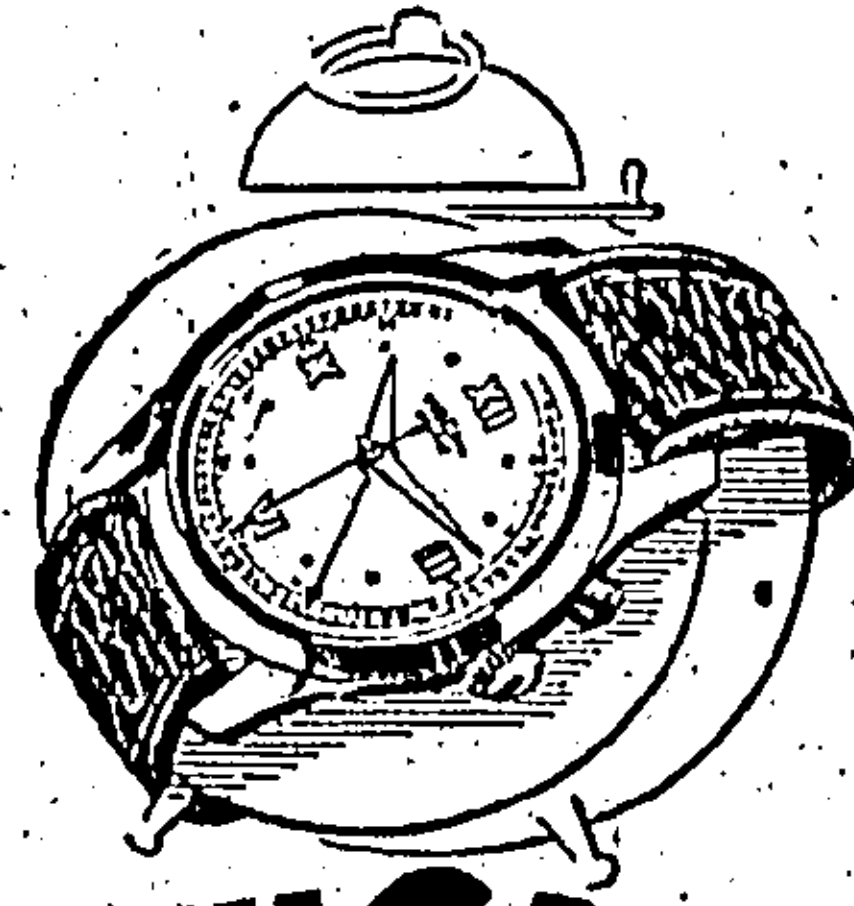
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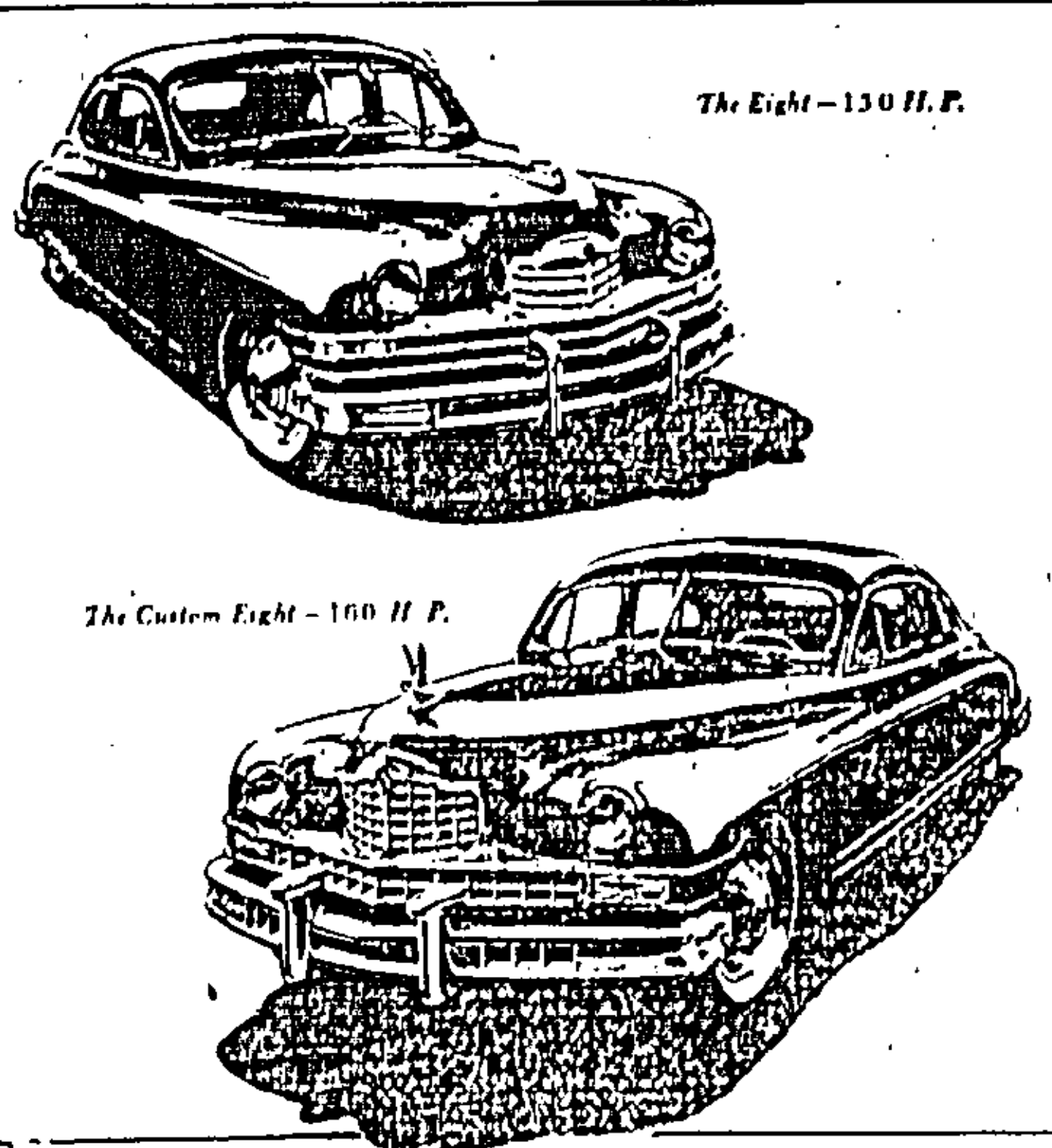


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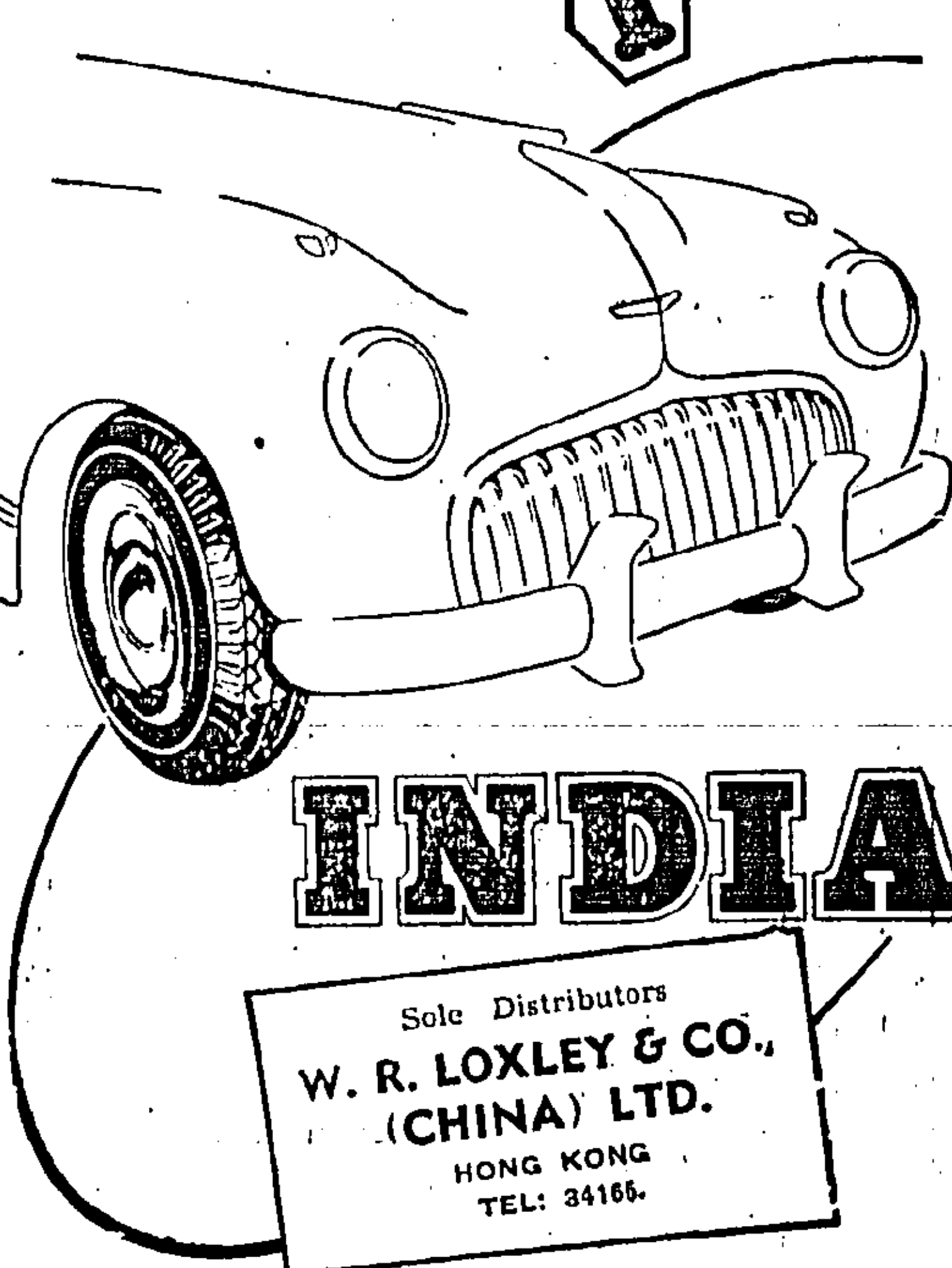
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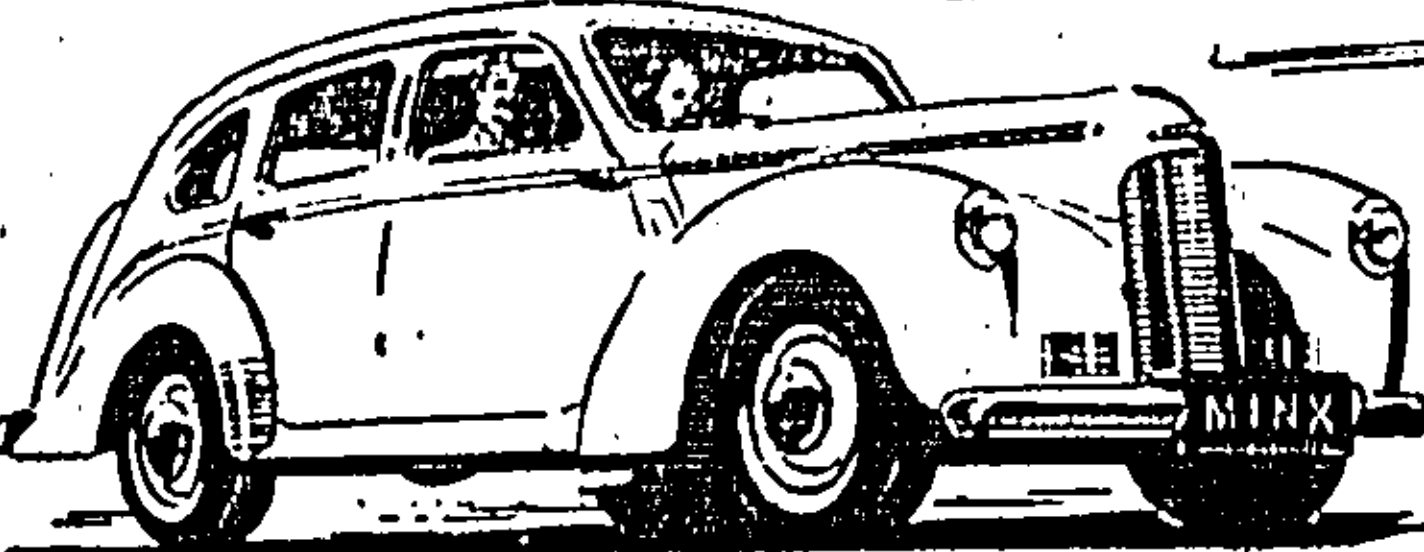
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# MOTERING NEWS AND VIEWS

## COAL WILL KEEP OUR CARS RUNNING FOR A LONG TIME

By A. C. Arend

While it is known that petrol shortages have arisen from a number of causes, which need not be entered into here, the extent of development which is anticipated from coal carbonisation and hydrogenation is probably much greater than is generally appreciated.

This development can only partly be attributed to the exhaustion of existing oil fields, or monetary exchange difficulties between contracting countries. It became a matter of necessity with Germany and Japan during the war years, due to lack of potential sources of crude oil.

Although actual statistics for Japan are not forthcoming, it is known that approximately half the liquid fuel used by Germany hauled from coal and coal-tar. This may shed a different light on the subject, but from the American aspect most attention is devoted to oilfield exhaustion, and because of which dwindling reserves, the coal process is expected to balance the difference.

It is not that motor fuel is solely dependent on crude oil sources, but simply that it is cheaper than when recovered from coal or oil shale, and that the one system suffices practically without variation. The coal liquefying treatment, on the other hand, will not function so well with one coal as with another.

In so far as the highest grades of fuel for aviation purposes are concerned, with octane ratings of from 130 to 160, the matter of the original source from which these fuels are derived is almost insignificant. Practically everything depends on the processing, and it may yet be that the future automobile will be driven by a small quantity of high-grade fuel of equivalent rating, but which at present is too costly.

### Different Yields

Some statistics may give a more realistic criterion of how motor spirit is recovered from different ramifications of coal treatment.

From each ton of coal handled in the coke and gas works, some 2½ gallons of refined motor benzene can be obtained from the 10 gallons of tar produced, i.e., from coal coked in by-product ovens in the normal manner. From this source alone, American statistics reveal, some 207 million gallons could have been available. This high-temperature carbonisation of coal, however, gives a poor yield compared with low-temperature carbonisation.

Instead of heating the coal to approximately 2,000 degrees F., it is heated only to some 1,000 degrees F., and the tar yield increases from 20 to 35 gallons per ton.

By subjecting this low-temperature tar to pressure cracking, similar to that applied to petroleum, up to 30 per cent of it can be converted to motor spirit, and together with the yield from the scrubbed furnace gases, can bring the total to 12 gallons of petrol per ton of coal.

This proportion cannot satisfy the entire demand, and hence attention has been bestowed on alternative means by improved processes introduced since the war stopped.

### Hydrogenation

Specialised methods of applying hydrogenation show the greatest prospects, and which are at present the subject of exhaustive research.

Choice of the coal used is important, as the yield with what are termed bright coals diminishes with a decrease in carbon con-

tent, while the yield of water and carbon dioxide increases. Without entering into involved technicalities, the modified Bergius process as adopted by Farbenindustrie, and the Fischer-Tropsch process, also used in Germany, have both been utilised in the latest research experimental plants.

By both systems, the yield of motor spirit approximates to 1 ton per ton of coal treated, or some 20 per cent, while the costs in both instances are about the same.

Actual yield from the first method mentioned can be as high as 50 per cent of motor spirit per ton, but in the process much of it is consumed in providing fuel, power, steam, and auxiliary uses, and thus reduces the figure to 20 per cent. The products are heavy oil, middle oil, and motor spirit.

The heavy oil is used at the start of the process, where it is mixed with from 40 to 50 per cent of pulverised coal, and from 0.1 to 1 per cent of a powdered catalyst. At a temperature of 600 degrees F., this mixture is subjected to a pressure of 200 atm. (3,000 lb. sq. in.) and in a contact period of about two hours, the necessary conversion has taken place.

The process of Dr. Fischer differs in that the gases produced from coal or coke, namely, carbon monoxide and hydrogen, represent the raw materials.

### Butane, Propane

After purification, the gas mixture is passed over a solid catalyst composed of thorium, cobalt, and diammonium carbonate, at pressures ranging between one and 50 atmospheres, and at from 350 degrees to 410 degrees F. This system has aroused no little interest in the chemical world because the valuable products butane and propane are produced in quantity, besides what is normally known as petrol.

Apart from this, the fact that the gaseous raw materials can be obtained from substances other than actual coal namely, food waste, charcoal, peat, and other organic matter which has not reached the stage of being regarded as coal (although the latter is admittedly best) attracts interest from another aspect.

From the aspect of the motorist, these notes may help to dispel somewhat erroneous beliefs which are apparently held in some quarters, on the almost entire dependence on crude oil for petrol production. Under normal conditions, the latter source is most easily tapped, simply processed, and gives the cheapest motor spirit, i.e., in respect of ordinary low-grade petrol.

The matter of grade, however, shows the subject in a different light, since suitable catalytic treatment can almost double the octane rating. The further this rating is raised, the greater are the costs correspondingly increased, whereby the initial price of the raw material, whether slightly higher or lower, is not of the same importance, and which is the main feature to be considered with future developments.

## Prospective Exports



A general view of a section of the recent motor show in London, taken before visitors were admitted. The exhibition proved to be an immense attraction to buyers from overseas and to the British public, who could see the models of the latest British cars, although owing to the export drive, most of the new cars will not be available to the motoring public of Great Britain for a long time.

## NEW NASH MODELS

Although the completely new range of Nash cars from Detroit was announced only the week before the most important of motor exhibitions, they were unfortunately not seen at the London Show.

They are very interesting technically, having integral construction of frame and body in a single electrically welded unit. This frame, for the length of the passenger space, spreads in width to beyond the level of the hub plates. The body, which encloses all four wheels as low as the wheel centres, has no detachable spats or panels to aid in wheel changing. The front wheels thus turn within the body.

This Nash range is called Airflyte and is offered in two models, the 2½-litre Type 600 and the 3.58-litre Ambassador, the former a side-valve and the latter an overhead-valve six-cylinder.

Wheelbases are respectively 9ft 4in and 11ft 1in. Engines are basically the same as before, but now give improved economy as a result of new carburettor. Coil springs are used all round, with I.F.S.

The latest styling greatly increases body space in width but reduces the rear seat height slightly; the overall height of the car has been lowered from 66-09in to 62-03in. Front seat elbow width is increased to 63in; rear 61in. More knee-room is

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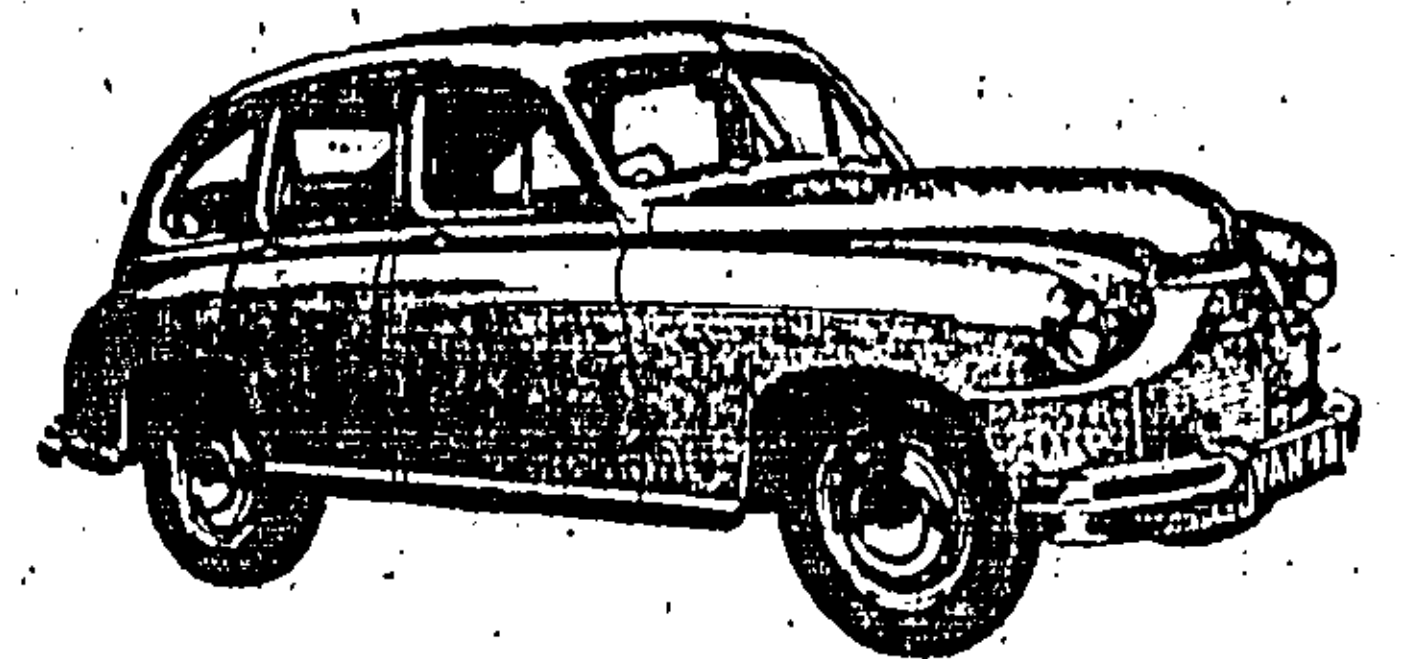
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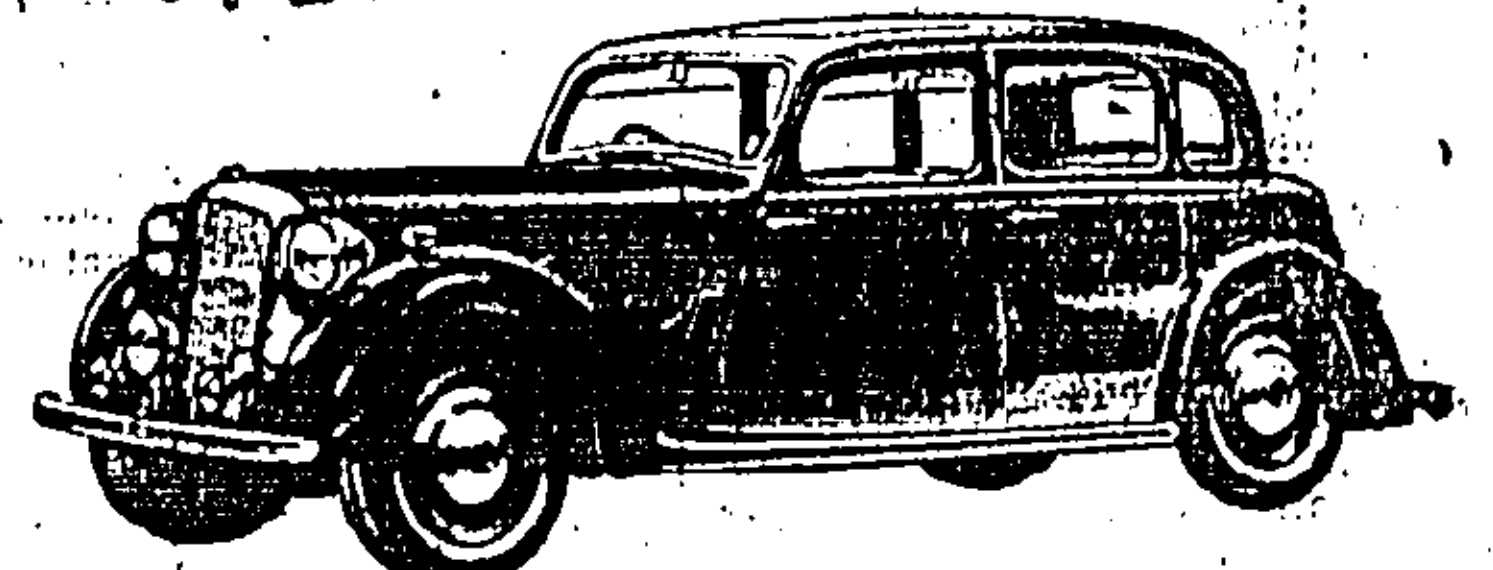
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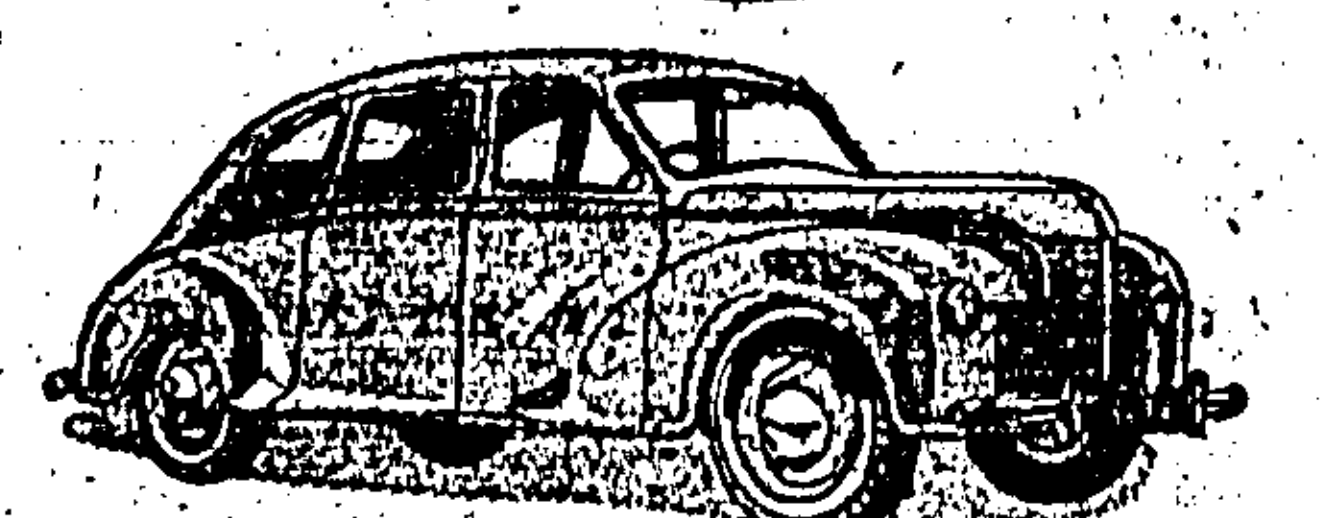
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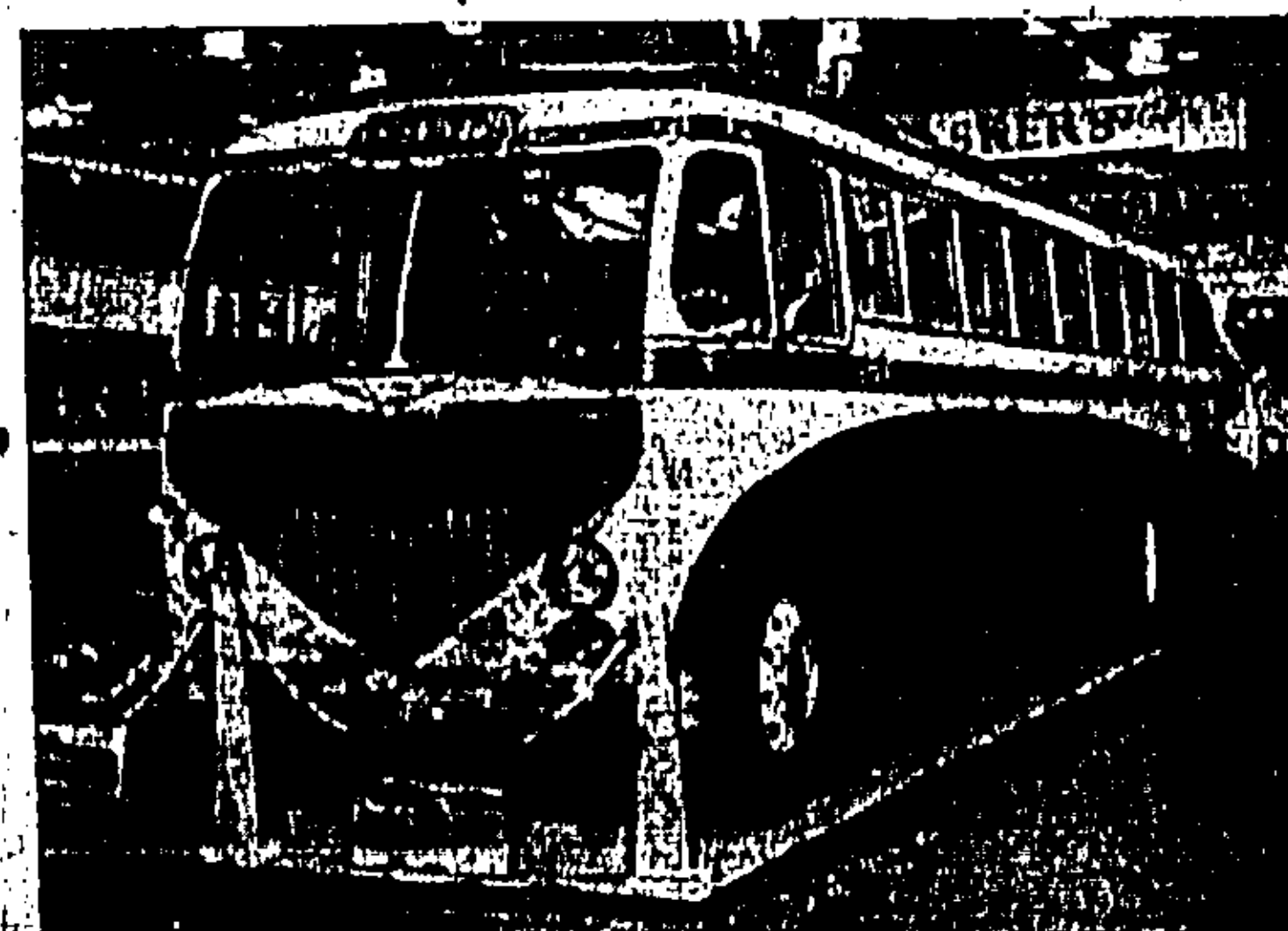
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## BRIBE INQUIRY

# Mr. Belcher Found Stanley 'Amusing'

London, December 9.

Mr. John Belcher, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, testified before the Tribunal investigating alleged Government corruption today.

He was asked by the Attorney-General, Sir Hartley Shawcross, why he had been close friends with Sidney Stanley.

Stanley is the stateless alien who is the key figure in the inquiry.

Mr. Belcher replied haltingly: "Because I found Mr. Stanley to be interesting, amusing, generous in his nature, and in general a good companion."

Mr. Belcher said he first met Stanley at a London dinner party in March, 1947, at which Stanley's brother, Marcus Wulkan, was also present.

After that, he met Stanley fairly frequently at parties and at Stanley's flat. Sometimes he went to boxing matches and greyhound racing with him.

Stanley, he said, presented himself as a keen supporter of the Labour Party, claimed to have a lot of friends and associations in America, and talked in a big way about his business associates.

"At the beginning I was inclined to believe all he told me," Mr. Belcher said. "Subsequently I thought he was extravagant in his phrasing."

In July, Mr. Morgan Phillips, Secretary of the Labour Party, told Mr. Belcher that he thought "I should be careful in my dealings with Mr. Stanley."

## Wife Called

Before Mr. Belcher, who is Member of Parliament for the Sowerby Division of Yorkshire, entered the witness box to testify, his counsel, Mr. Aiken Wilson, informed the Tribunal that Mr. Belcher is in custody after completing his evidence.

Mr. Wilson said that while Mr. Belcher vehemently denied receiving money or any other consideration to influence him in any decision, he admitted he had received gifts from Stanley, a stateless Pole, and two other persons.

Mr. Wilson said that Mr. Belcher now realises that, though he did not receive these gifts corruptly, or allow them to influence him in any way, they were incompatible with his position as a Minister of the Crown.

Mr. Belcher became Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade in February, 1946. Before entering the House of Commons in the 1945 general election, he was a railway clerk and a branch official of his trade union. Married 21 years, he has a son and two daughters. His wife was called today to give evidence, but she did not appear as it was stated that she had to be at home when her children returned from school.

She is expected to attend the Tribunal tomorrow.

## "Disgusted"

Mr. Belcher said he received representations from Sherman's football pools on a number of occasions, both on the firm's paper allocation and regarding a prosecution against it.

Mr. Belcher said he interviewed the two Sherman brothers after he had been told that allegations were being made and corruption mentioned.

He said Harry Sherman said Stanley had told him he had paid £5,000 to Mr. Belcher and the Solicitor General, Sir Frank Soskice, to be equally divided between them before the decision that the prosecution should be dropped.

Sherman had said Stanley had had a second £5,000 to be given to the same two Ministers.

After these meetings, Stanley rang Mr. Belcher's home, but Mrs. Belcher, who picked up the telephone, told him that she was disgusted at what he appeared to have done to their names and replaced the receiver.

That was the last contact between Stanley and the Belchers.

## Five "No's"

Mr. Belcher said the Sherman's story sounded to him as incredible that he was inclined to feel that an attempt was being made to induce him to do something about their paper position in order not to have an unsavoury matter dragged out in public.

Mr. Belcher replied "No" to these five questions:

"Have you ever received any money from Stanley?"

"Any loans from Stanley?"

"Monetary gifts?"

"Has Stanley ever made any investments for you?"

"Has he ever put any money bets for you?"

Mr. Belcher agreed that Stanley had phoned him practically every day, and that he had access to his office when Mr. Belcher was not busy, but it was not true that Stanley could just walk into his office without asking for admission.

Mr. Belcher added that Stanley's flat was a fairly regular port of call on his way home. He found Stanley a stimulating companion, a man full of ideas.

Mr. Belcher said that on April 20 this year, he went to Stanley's flat and while he was there Sherman came in. "I was very annoyed at finding him there," Mr. Belcher said. "I told him he had no right to meet me while this question (of prosecution) was outstanding and I left immediately."

"Don't Worry"

Mr. Belcher said that after persuasion by Stanley and by a Member of Parliament, he saw Sherman, who complained of his paper allocation.

Sherman confessed that he had exceeded his paper allocation and as a result the Board of Trade sent investigators to Sherman's office.

A Rufus Williams also contacted him about Sherman's. Mr. Belcher said: "At one meeting, Williams said allegations were being made and urged a meeting with the Shermans. Mr. Belcher then saw the Shermans."

Mr. Belcher said the Shermans also told him they had spoken to Stanley about the Board of Trade investigators sent to their offices. Stanley had told them: "Don't worry, I will see that they are withdrawn."

Mr. Belcher added: "I believe there was some further remark to the effect that if the investigators were not withdrawn, Mr. Belcher would lose his job."

Mr. Belcher said he told them he wondered that two otherwise acute business men should ever have thought for one moment such things were possible.

Mr. Belcher agreed that he went away for a three-week holiday after leaving from the Sherman's allegations. He wanted time to think the matter over.

Not Influenced

It was his intention to consult the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Harold Wilson, but he understood Mr. Wilson was out of London during the first week after he returned from his holiday.

Eventually Mr. Wilson called for him before he had a chance to request an interview.

The Attorney General suggested that Mr. Belcher might have reported to the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, or to Scotland Yard. Mr. Belcher replied: "I felt the right person for me to talk to was the President of the Board of Trade. He was my immediate chief."

Mr. Belcher said he did not appreciate there was any urgency as he did not know the Shermans had told anyone else of the allegations.

Replying to the Chairman of the Tribunal, Mr. Belcher said he was not influenced by any desire to avoid an inquiry.

Questioned, Mr. Belcher said that though he could not give a specific example of an idea which eventually turned itself into fact, it was possible that some of the things now being done emanated in the first place in the rather facile brain of Stanley.

Mr. Belcher agreed that he had written to the Minister of Supply, Mr. John Wilmot, suggesting

that Stanley and his brother, Marcus Wulkan, might assist in getting American steel supplies.

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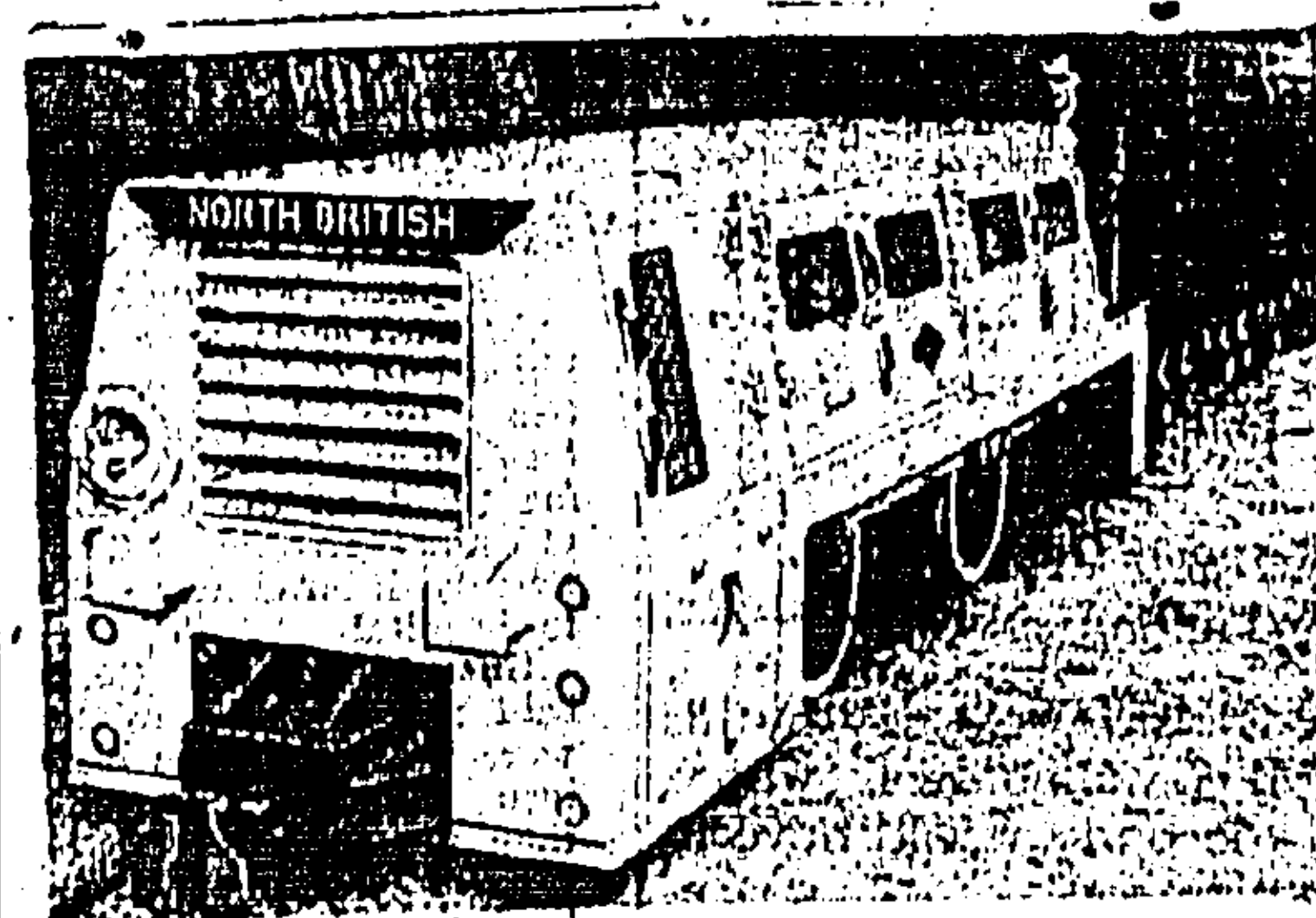
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## Communists Face Many Handicaps In China Control

New York, December 10.

The New York Herald-Tribune today published an editorial headed "How Red Can China Be?" The editorial sets out the handicaps facing the Communists in controlling China.

"There is a tendency in the United States to assume that if the Communists control large areas of China they can quickly create a police state," it says.

"Actually there are reasons for doubt that this can be done in haste although it seems wise to assume it is precisely what the Red leaders in China will try to do."

The Communists in China have handicaps as well as advantages.

## SECURITY BOARD FOR GERMANY

London, December 9.

The proposed Western Military Security Board will be a three-power body, starting work before the end of the control period in Western Germany and possibly continuing after the peace treaty.

It will consist of military, technical and industrial experts, appointed by Britain, France and the United States.

The six-power London conference on Germany last June agreed in principle to the creation of the Board.

The British, French and United States Military Governors in Germany have discussed in Berlin in recent weeks its Constitution, functions and powers.

Final agreement has almost been reached. The Board's objective will be the maintenance of disarmament and demilitarisation in Western Germany in the interest of Allied Security.

Its functions will include the prevention of:

1. A revival of military organisation.

2. Infringement of industrial restriction.

3.—The manufacture or import of arms, war materials or other prohibited equipment.

4.—Scientific research for war purposes.

5.—The creation of a German war potential in any form.

When first set up, the Board will take over the powers and functions at present exercised in Western Germany by the British, United States and French Military Governors.

The Board will be responsible to the Military Governors as long as the control period (the Military Government period) in Germany continues.

Its powers and functions will probably be embodied in the occupation statute for Western Germany, which the three Western Military Governors are to consider, possibly for the last time, on December 16.—Reuter.

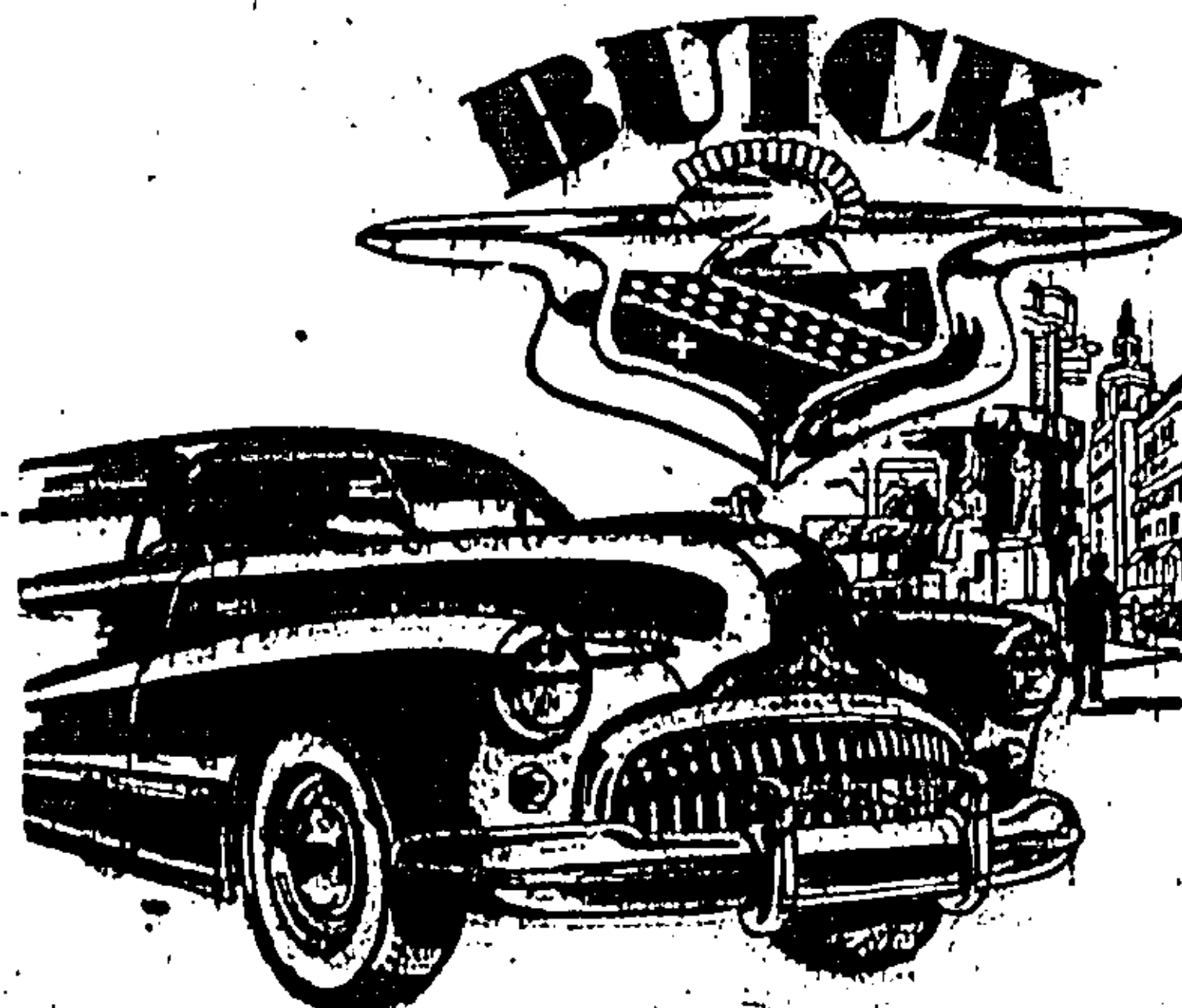
## REFUGEES IN AMERICA

Washington, December 9.

President Truman said today that he was trying his best to enable battle refugees to remain in the United States.

He added that if legislation was required to permit them to stay in the country he would ask Congress for it.

The State Department has been reported to be arranging for their return to Sweden. The refugees fled from the Baltic area to the United States in Sweden some time ago, and they contend that Sweden is too near Soviet influence for their safety.—Reuter.



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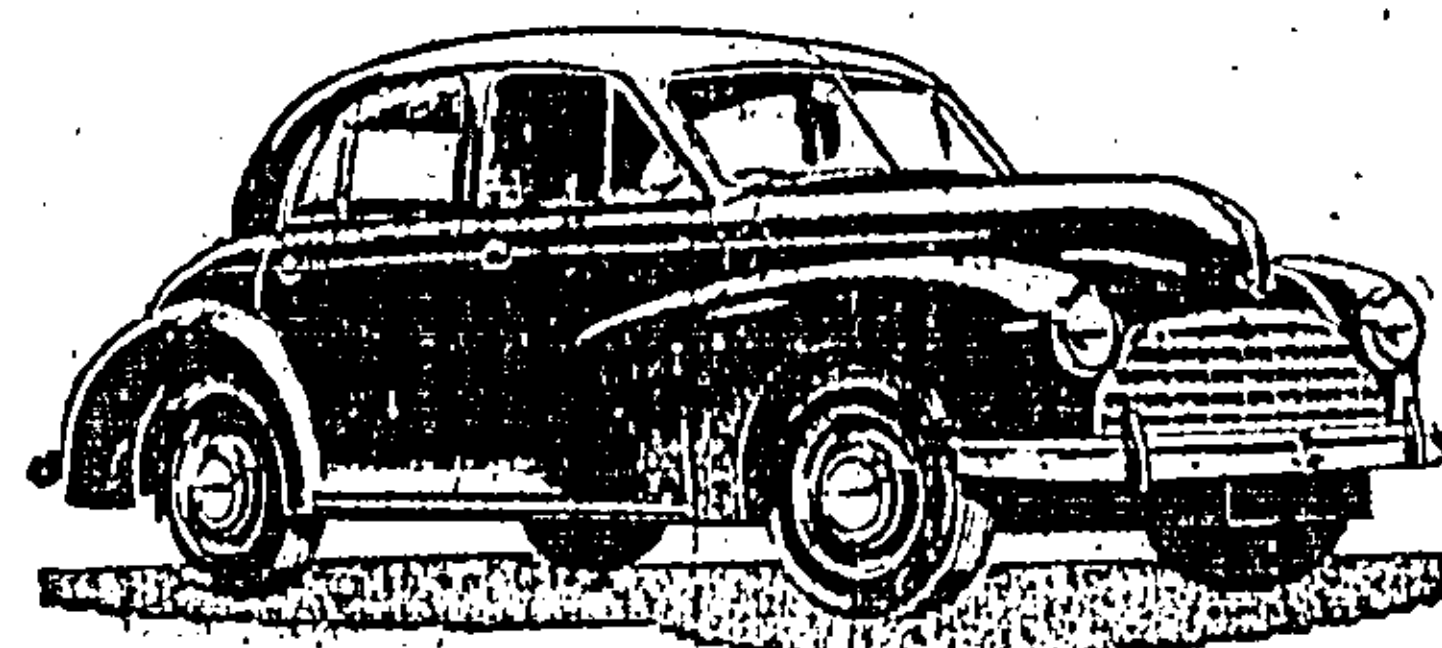
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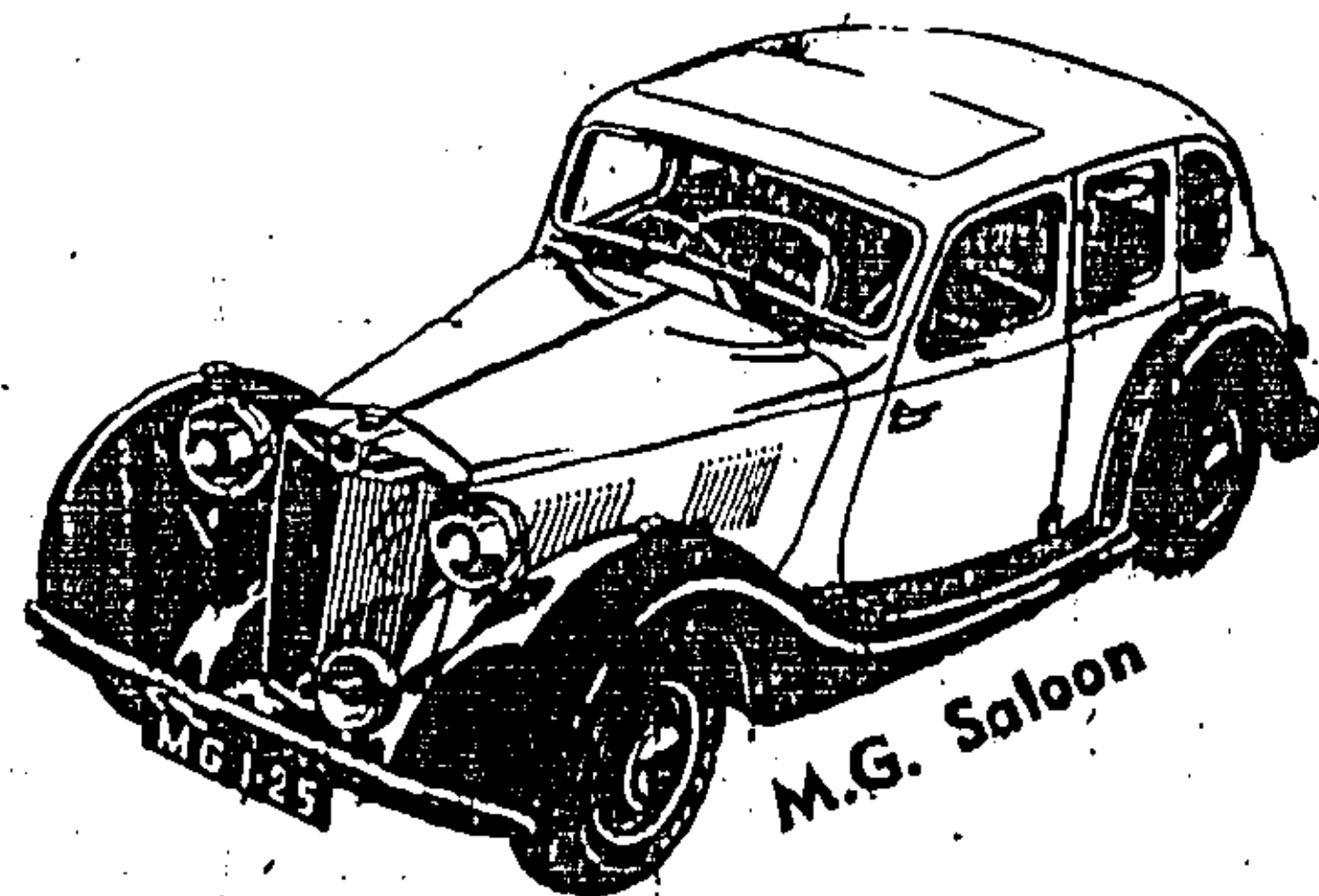


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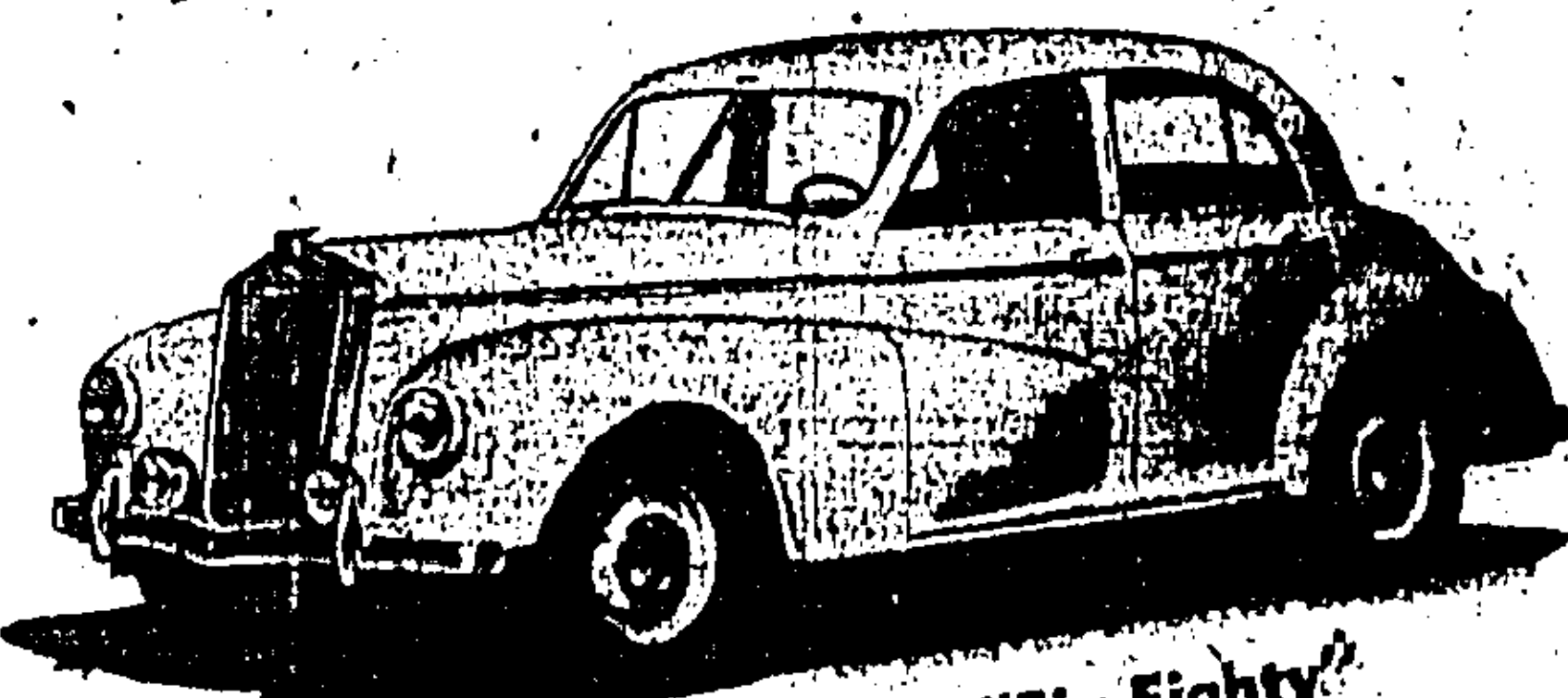


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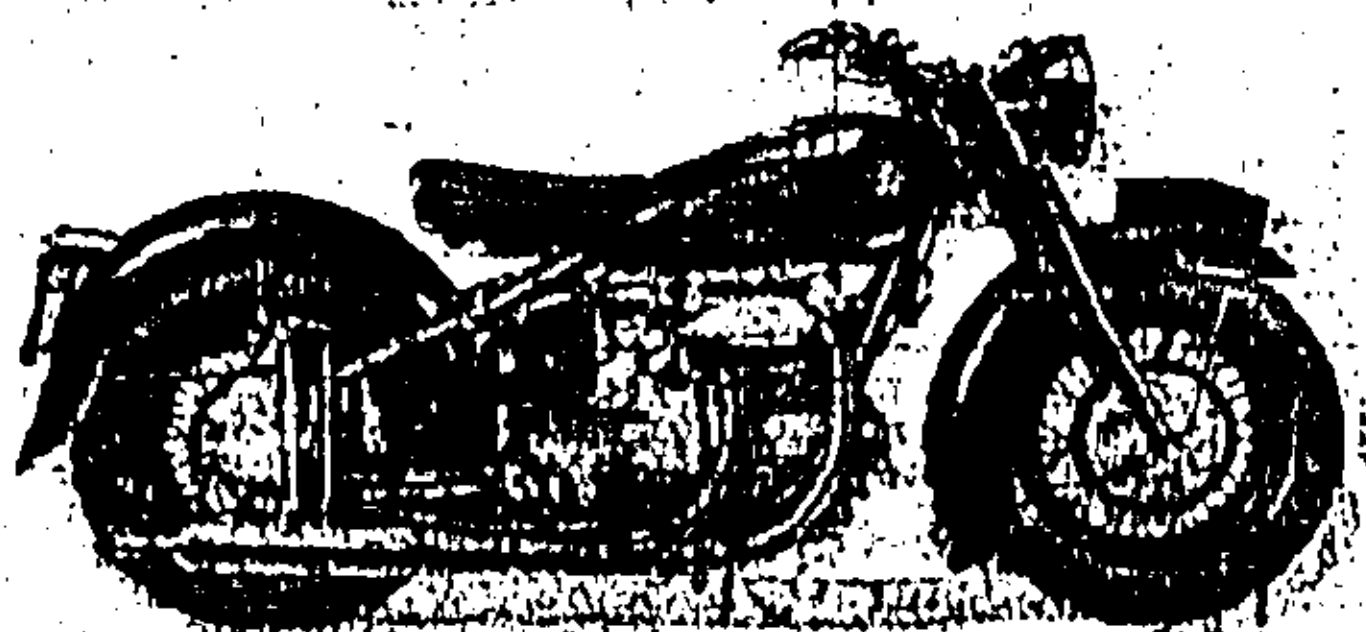


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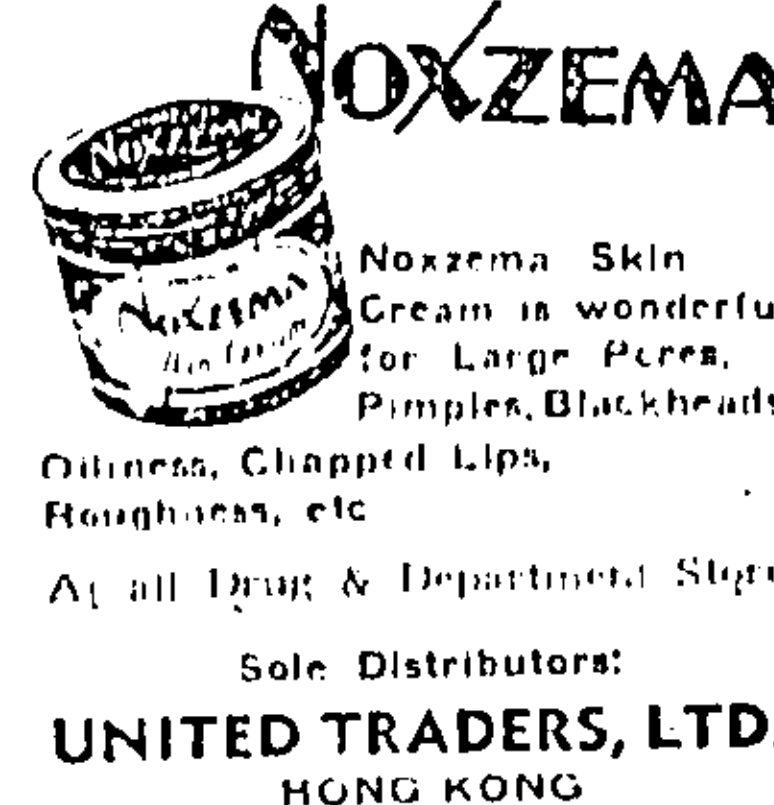
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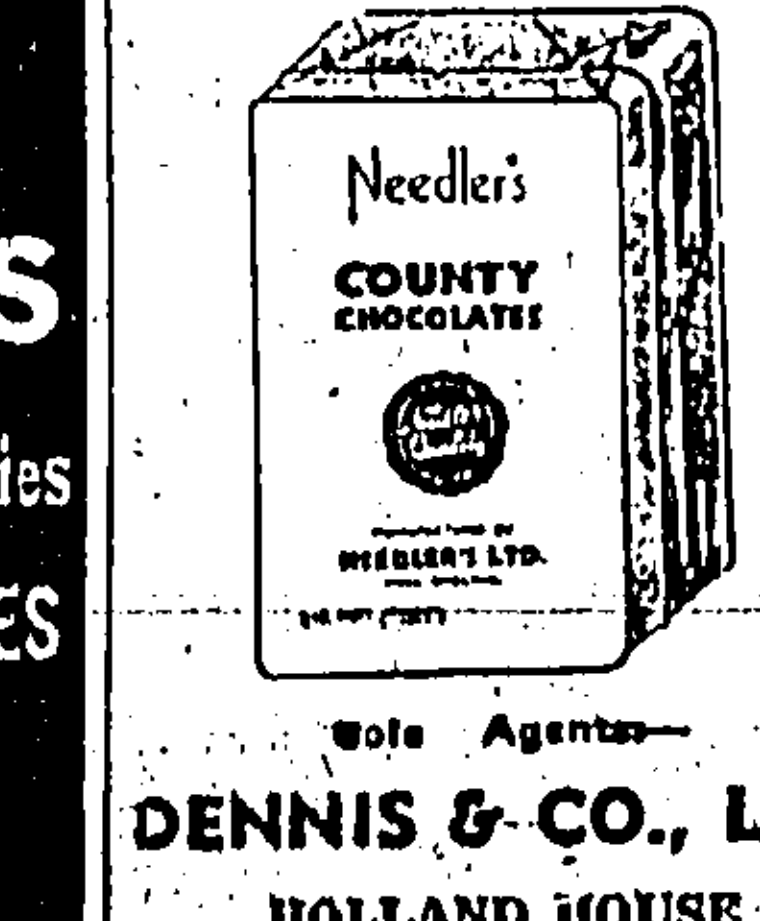
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## HUNGARIAN PREMIER'S SUDDEN RESIGNATION: PURGE IN BUDAPEST

Budapest, December 9.

The Hungarian Prime Minister, M. Lajos Dinnyes, resigned today.

His resignation followed criticism yesterday by his party, the Hungarian Smallholders, whose Political Bureau said the party would have to be purged of unstable elements.

Negotiations for his successor are going on this evening.

Aged 47, M. Dinnyes was appointed Prime Minister on May 31, 1947, after the flight from Hungary of M. Ferenc Nagy, then Prime Minister.

The Smallholders Party was recently shaken by the resignation while in Switzerland of the Finance Minister, M. Miklos Nyardy, who belonged to the right wing of the party.

M. Istvan Doby, Minister of Agriculture and President of the Smallholders Party, described the action of M. Nyardy as shocking. "It might well undermine confidence in the party," he said.

M. Doby is expected to become Premier in succession to M. Dinnyes. M. Doby has long been prominent in the Smallholders left wing. M. Dinnyes was regarded by left wing members as a representative of the kulaks (rich peasants), now barred from Hungarian co-operative boards.

The entire Cabinet formally resigned today but the future Premier, who is expected to be named tomorrow, is not likely to make major changes when he chooses his Cabinet.

### Purge Starts

The purge of the Smallholders Party of bourgeois and kulak elements, announced yesterday, had already begun.

It was understood that at least eight Smallholders deputies would be deprived of their mandates when the Party's Parliamentary Group met tonight.

M. Dinnyes told a meeting of the Party's Parliamentary Group

tonight that the party leadership's criticism of him was justified, according to a special communiqué issued by the party leaders.

He was said to have admitted that he had been guilty of lack of contact with the party and the mass of the working people.—Reuter.

## A Briton Flying For Indonesia

Singapore, December 10.

The mysterious disappearance of the American flier Bobby Freeberg has left the Republic of Indonesia with a flying foreign legion of just two men.

One is an English flier of fortune, 26-year-old Richard Ralph Cobley, who lives in the Republic and now does most of his flying between Java and Sumatra. He pilots a Catalina seaplane which came from the Philippines.

The other, an American, David F. Fowler, flies for Pacific Overseas Airways, a Siamese company.

Freeberg most publicised of the foreigners flying for the Indonesians, has been missing since he took off from Jogjakarta early in October on a flight to Sumatra. The Republicans say the Dutch forced him down and have him imprisoned in Batavia; the Dutch say they haven't, and speculate that he crashed in Sumatra.

Of the three fliers, Cobley is the least known. A Major in the Royal Signal Corps during the war, he was demobilised in Rangoon in 1947. After some flying in Burma, he flew an Australian airline, operating between Australia, Greece and Italy.

In February, 1948, he joined a group of Australians and Americans from the Philippines. The

## Seven Killed In Explosions

Topeka, December 9.  
At least seven men were killed and 35 injured when two explosions ripped through an electric generating plant on the outskirts of the Kansas capital. Twenty injured were sent to hospital.

Sheriff William Condes said some of the injured were trapped in the blast-torn structure for more than an hour before police, firemen and volunteers finally reached them. The explosions deprived Topeka of electric power, and power was routed to Topeka from Wichita.

The blast is believed to have originated in a boiler.—United Press.

## DIPLOMAT ARRESTED ON CURRENCY CHARGE

Athens, December 10.

A man identifying himself as the diplomat brother of Porfirio Rubirosa, divorced diplomat husband of the tobacco heiress, Doris Duke, has been arrested here.

The Greek Minister of Justice announced this today.

## Changed Attitude To Tito

Washington, December 9.

The United States Government has eased its former rigorous control of American exports to Yugoslavia, government officials disclosed today.

An almost total ban on shipments in effect some months ago has been relaxed and provides a possibly significant pointer to developing American policy towards Marshal Tito's regime.

There is still no tendency to allow any materials of a strategic or war potential nature to be despatched.

The exact classification which Yugoslavia possesses in the export licence list is not disclosed, but a State Department spokesman said applications for export permits to Yugoslavia were receiving thorough consideration in the light of domestic needs and the calls of other nations, especially those who belong to the Marshall Plan.

The possible significance of this may be gauged by the fact that it follows authoritative reports that the United States is encouraging Italy to develop a more comprehensive trade agreement with the Tito Government.

Both Cobley and his Catalina were last reported in Djambi, in early October, where the plane was out of the air waiting for spare parts.

Cobley has had his near brush with the Dutch flying patrols. On his first trip to Indonesia, bringing the Catalina into the Southern coast, he was delayed a day. A Dutch bomber circled fruitlessly over the site of his anticipated landing for hours before and after he was expected. But the bomber went away before the Catalina arrived.—Associated Press.

## MANILA BLAZE

Manila, December 10.

A general alarm fire razed 11 business establishments in one of Manila's shopping centres last night, causing an estimated 200,000 pesos loss in buildings and merchandise. Nobody was injured.

The origin of the short-lived but spectacular blaze has not been determined.—United Press.

## General Election In Ulster

Belfast, December 9.

A general election in Northern Ireland is now almost certain to follow the inauguration of the Eire Republic on January 16.

It is known that the Prime Minister, Sir Basil Brooke, plans an early demonstration of Ulster's will to remain as part of the United Kingdom, and Parliament is expected to be dissolved as soon as the present business has been completed.

Eire's secession from the Commonwealth and renewed attacks on partition are regarded as making the election the most important since 1921.

The Unionist Party at present holds 35 of the 52 seats in the House of Commons and has support on the constitutional issue from three other members. An increase in its majority is anticipated.—Reuter.

## Danish Brigade In Germany

London, December 10.

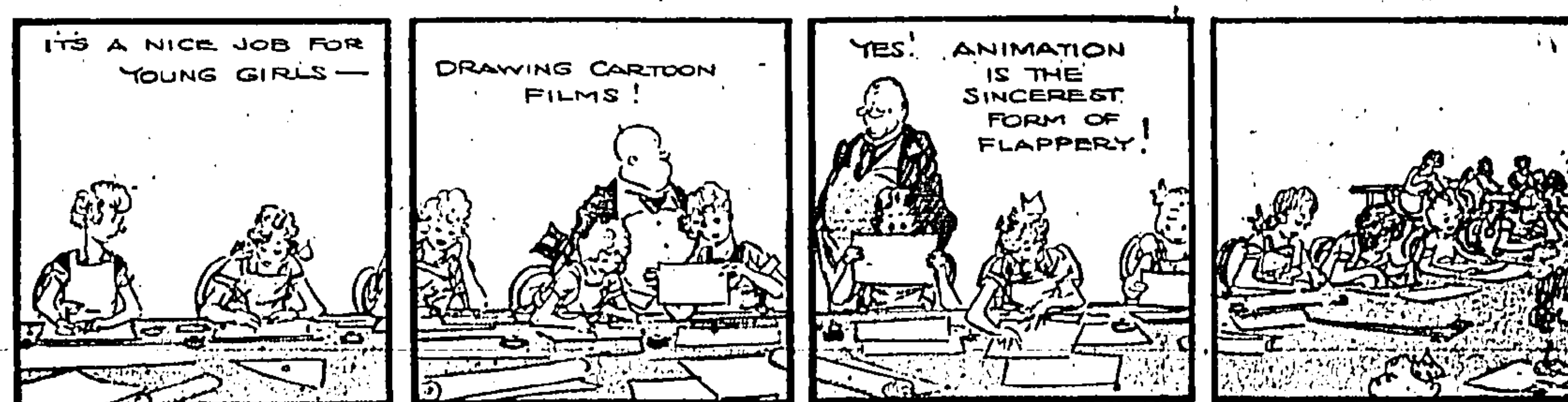
Denmark's Defence Minister, M. Rasmus Hansen, who arrived from Copenhagen today, has been authorised to accede to Britain's request that the Danish Brigade in the British Zone of Germany should extend its period of occupation.

Talks on the future of the Brigade will be resumed tomorrow at the Defence Ministry. The talks were interrupted last Friday when M. Hansen returned to Copenhagen for fresh instructions.

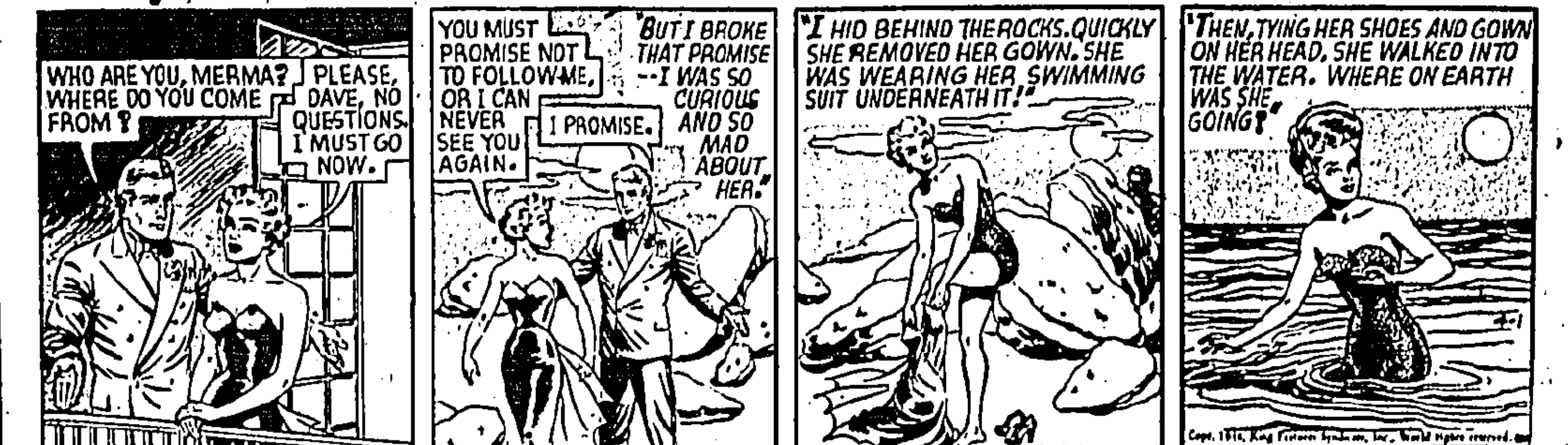
It is believed in diplomatic quarters in London that no more than two meetings will be needed to fix the terms on which the Brigade will stay in Germany for a further period.

Denmark was at first unwilling to accept the British request because it wanted the Brigade for training purposes in Denmark.—Reuter.

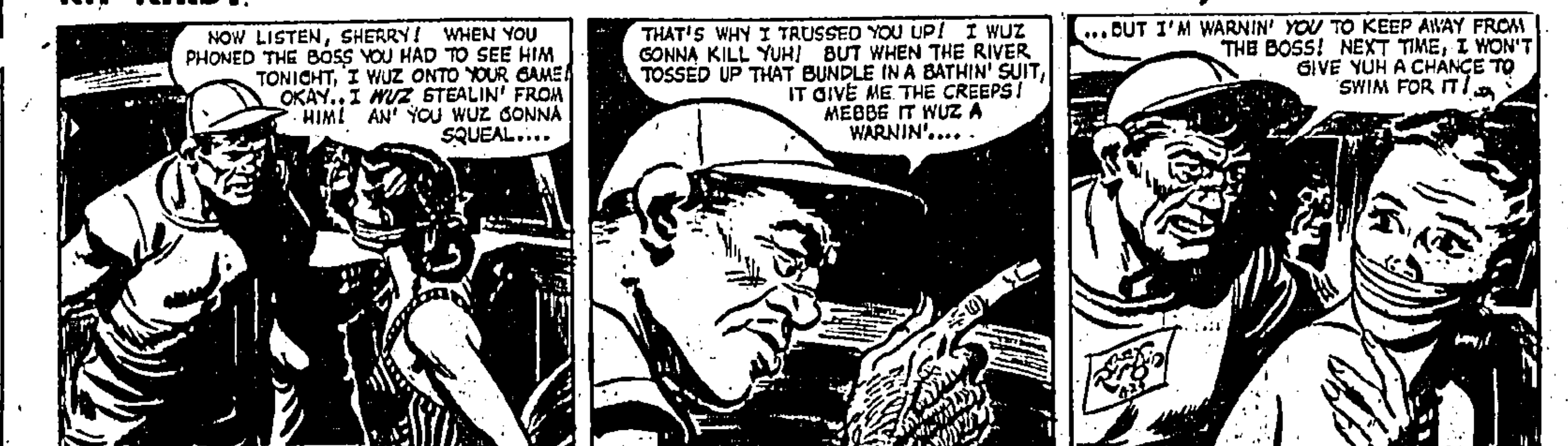
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## Spy Hearing A "Red Herring," Says President

Washington, December 10.

President Truman said today he still believes the Congressional inquiry into Communist spy activities is a red herring. That was his reply when asked about it at a news conference.

At the same time he said that the U.S. Attorney General, Mr. Tom Clark, will see that the law is enforced in connection with documents stolen from the State Department.

The House Un-American Activities Committee investigation, alleged Communist espionage, received from Mr. Whitaker Chambers, a magazine editor, documents alleged to have been stolen from the State Department in 1937 and 1938.

The President called the inquiry a red herring several times during the summer and autumn when he was campaigning. He asserted then that the Republican-directed investigation was intended to divert attention from the lack of Congressional action on high prices.

Members of the House Un-American Activities Committee

Immediately challenged Mr. Truman.

### Mundt's Challenge

The acting chairman, Representative Mundt said: "If Mr. Truman considers the investigation a red herring, I challenge him to authorize us to publish the documents in the press."

Representative Richard Nixon said: "The President's statement is a flagrant flouting of the national interests of the people."

In summary, the President's attitude toward the Committee was this: If the Committee members were in dead earnest about protecting the United States, they would have turned the documents and other evidence over to the Attorney General, Mr. Tom Clark, rather than be making headlines with them.

### Committee "Dead"

Without amplification Mr. Truman referred to the Committee as dead.

The plain implication appeared to be that he does not believe that the new House of Representatives, organizing next month, will continue the Committee's life.

On that Mr. Mundt said: "If I can sense the feeling of the American people it will not be dead after Congress votes on its activities."—Associated Press.

## Fate Of Austrian Woman

Vienna, December 9.

The Soviet news agency, Tass, tonight described as a complete invention reports published in the Vienna evening papers that Dr. Margarete Ottilinger, Under-Secretary at the Austrian Ministry of Economic Planning, had been sentenced to a long term of imprisonment.

The investigation of Frau Ottilinger's case was not yet completed, Tass said, and it was therefore obvious that the case had not been and could not yet be tried.

The American-published Kurier said today that Frau Ottilinger had been taken to a Russian civilian prison camp at Sopron in Hungary after having been sentenced by a Soviet military court to 20 years imprisonment for espionage. Austrian officials denied any knowledge of the trial of Frau Ottilinger.

Frau Ottilinger, 30-year-old secretary of Dr. Peter Krausland, Minister of Economic Planning, was arrested by the Russian authorities on November 5 and accused of espionage.—Reuter.

## BLACK SKIN WAS TURNED WHITE

Chicago, December 9.

A chemical which can change the colour of the human skin and which accidentally turned several hundred negro workmen partly white, was described at a meeting of skin specialists here today.

A spokesman said that Dr. Louis Schwartz, Director of the Dermatological Division of the U.S. Public Health Service, told the annual meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology and Syphilology that the chemical monobenzyl ether of hydroquinone, a synthetic tar product, could block progress of colour matter to the outer surface of the skin.

Dr. Schwartz considered the chemical's action a serious dermatological condition which might be dangerous, and caution-

## Five Dead In Luzon Typhoon Beverly

Manila, December 10.

Typhoon Beverly, which lashed Northern Luzon on Wednesday, caused at least five deaths and widespread but unestimated damage and destruction, according to reports received in Manila.

Beverly cut a wide destructive path from the Pacific side of Luzon to the China Sea side, causing floods in many areas.

Three were reported drowned in the Cagayan River, while two others were drowned at La Union.—United Press.

## Official Refuses To Talk To Spies Committee

Washington, December 9.

Henry Julian Wadleigh, one-time State Department economist, today refused to tell spy-hunters whether he ever gave the ex-Communist, Whitaker Chambers, secret Government documents to pass along to a Soviet intelligence agent.

Wadleigh, who worked in the Department from 1936 to 1943, also refused to tell the hastily-convened session of the House Un-American Activities Committee whether he even knew Alger Hiss.

He said to answer might incriminate or degrade him. Representative Richard Nixon said Chambers had named Wadleigh and Hiss as two of three former officials who, he alleged, gave him confidential Government information for Russian secret agents in 1937-38.

Wadleigh was called immediately after Representative Karl

Rundt announced that investigators had run down a Government official, not identified, accused of having fed Chambers information.

Asked if he was or had ever been a member of the Communist Party, Wadleigh said flatly, "No."

### Had Access

He admitted he had had access to some kinds of secret information when he was employed in the State Department's trade agreements branch.

He refused to say whether he knew Chambers, either by his real name or his Communist Party name of Carl.

Representative Mundt reminded Wadleigh that his refusal to answer left the impression that he did not care to deny the accusations made by Chambers. Witness still declined to answer and would not identify a picture of Chambers.

Wadleigh said his State Department job involved laying the groundwork for trade agreements negotiation under the supervision of the then Secretary of State, Francis Sayre.—United Press.

## Shanghai Experiments On Insulin

Newark, December 9.

Mr. Victor and Mrs. Eva Saxl told today how they developed a method of manufacturing insulin for the first time in China with the co-operation of the Shanghai health department.

Mr. Saxl and his wife, natives of Czechoslovakia and now residing in the United States, were trapped in Shanghai during the Japanese occupation.

Mrs. Saxl herself served as guinea pig for countless experiments that finally were successful in producing insulin that helped 200 diabetics in Shanghai.

Assisted by scientist and machinery from local hospitals, the Saxls developed insulin from pancreas glands of local cattle and water buffaloes.

Insulin formerly had been imported.—United Press.

## Losses On Wall Street

New York, December 10.

Stocks hit a downhill stretch after coasting along evenly part of the day. Final prices showed losses of fractions to a point or more in the majority.

Turover was brisk with business approaching 1,300,000 shares. Favourable corporation news helped lift many stocks. Year end tax selling on the other hand acted as a drag. Ending higher were Pacific Tin, Plymouth Oil, Lerner Stores, Deere and Dow Chemical.

Losers most of the time included Admiral Corporation, Earnsworth Television, Owens Illinois, Nickel Plate and Trans-continental and Western Air.

Dow Jones Averages: Stocks 64.01, 20 Industrials 175.76, 15 rails 33.24, 10 Utilities 32.80.—Associated Press.

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S.S. "CANTON"	2nd April	10th May
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S.S. "CANTON"	14th March
S.S. "CANTON"	10th April
S.S. "CANTON"	16th May
S.S. "CORFU"	10th June
S.S. "CORFU"	11th July

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S.S. "BURAT"	sails 26th Jan. for London & Continent via Straits, Colombo & Continent.
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S.S. "TREVEAN"	due early Feb. from London & Continent via Straits.

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S.S. "SIRIDHANA"	due 23rd Jan. from Japan, Shanghai & Amoy.
S.S. "SIRIDHANA"	sails 26th Jan. for Straits, Rangoon & Calcutta.
S.S. "SIRIDHANA"	due 9th Feb. from Japan & Amoy.
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"TASMAN" from Macassar & Javaports 7th January	to Javaports & Macassar 21st January
"TJIBADAK" in port 15th January	to Javaports & Macassar 3rd February

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Arrivals	Sailings
"TJIKAMPEK" from Japan & Shanghai 14th Dec.	to South Africa & South America 17th December
"TEGELBERG" in port	to South Africa & South America 19th January

"KUXS" from South America & South Africa 15th January to South Africa & South America 18th February.

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### Agents: HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE

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"MOLENERK" from Europe 12th December	to Shanghai, Japan 13th December
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## FINANCE AND COMMERCE

# BRITAIN AND AMERICA CLASH WITH SOVIET AT ECAFE TALKS

Sydney, December 10.

Russia, Britain and the United States delegates argued today over a 1947 economic survey by the Secretariat of the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East. The Soviet delegate, Mr. Kirill Novikov, said the survey was neither intelligent nor progressive.

## London Stock Exchange

London, December 9. Speculative activity today was confined to Brazilian rubbers. Prices of Leopoldine rubbers moved sharply higher on reports that compensation on take-over might amount to some £10,000,000.

Gains of two to three points were achieved by profit-taking.

Once again, other sections were idle and practically featureless. Prices of Leopoldine rubbers resulted in some marking up of leading industrial shares during the latter part of the day.

The advance, however, was not held and prices began to slip. Closing prices registered widespread declines among textiles and hardware.

Losses of 1/2 to 3/4 were commonplace among all small offers were sufficient to depress values. Foreign bonds were unchanged, apart from slight weakness in Chileans.

Selective support was created in South African non-producers. Dividend payers were slightly better.

### SECURITIES

British Consols, 2 1/2%	103 3/4
Conversion Loan, 3 1/2%, 1961	106 1/4
Standard Loan, 4 1/2%, 1960/29	114 1/2
War Loan, 3 1/2%, 1962	103 1/2
War Loan, 3 1/2%	103 1/2
Victory Bonds, 4 1/2%	110
IMPERIAL TUBACOS (of British American Tobacco Co.)	5 1/2
G.I. & Ireland	5 1/2
Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd.	48 1/2
Imperial Tobacco Co. (of G.I. & Ireland)	5 1/2

### TEA SHARES

Assam Consolidated Tea	2 1/4
Assam Frontier Tea	15 1/2
Assam Tea Company	22 1/2
Assam Tea Company	22 1/2
Emp. of India & Ceylon Tea Co.	15 1/2
Imperial Tea Company	24 1/2

### MINE SHARES

Barren Gold	4 1/2
Crown Mines	3 1/2
Nandymore Mines	10 1/2
Rand Mines	6 1/4
Spring Mines	8 1/2
Sh. Nickel	10 1/2
Union Corporation	21 1/2

### OIL SHARES

Royal Dutch	24 1/2
Shell Transport & Trading Co.	2 1/2

### SHIPPING

German Loan (Yinsen) 5% 1907/47	29
Japanese 5% 1907/47	28
Japanese 5% 1924/50	17 1/2
Jap. S. Manchurian Ry., 5%, 1923	
BANKS:	
Chartered Bank of I.A. & C.	31-7/8
Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank	30 1/2
Mercantile Bank of India "A"	21
CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS:	
Chinese Railway Loans	56 1/2







